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Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2017

April Hurley, Committee Chairperson

On January 17th, the Economic Development Committee met following the Health and Human Services Committee meeting. We had two presentations and was briefed on the development of the East Tremont BID.

1. Our first presentation was a brief overlap with the Health and Human Services. We continued the discussion with Dior St. Hillaire of GreenFeen. She expounded on ways in which the community residents as well as local business would benefit from her new Organic Carting Company.
2. Our second presentation was by the Green Worker Cooperative. It's an entrepreneurial start-up incubator located in South Bronx. Their goal is to build a strong local economy rooted in Democracy and environmental justice. The purpose of their presentation was to make the community aware of the Coop Academy. It is an intensive 24-week mentorship and training program that empowers entrepreneurs to develop worker-owned green businesses. The start day for the next application process will be in the fall. Their objective is to increase the number of Bronx-led initiatives. You can find out more information about them at www.greenworker.coop
3. Lastly, District Manager John Sanchez gave us an update on the process of the formation of the East Tremont Business Improvement District. Neighborhood Initiative Development Corporation (NIDC) who submitted a grant to the department of Small Business Services to organize the merchants along East Tremont Avenue between Webster Avenue and Southern Boulevard. Currently the N.I.D.C is waiting to hear back from the grant. Any business along the corridor will be invited from Franchises to mom & pop stores.

Many thanks to everyone who came out to our January meeting. If you are at all interested in economic development, please show your love and come join us, at our next meeting which will be on Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

Respectfully,

April Hurley
Economic Development Committee, Chair

Honorable Ritchie Torres,
City Council Member, 15th Council District

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City Council Member, 17th Council District