

## COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8, BRONX

### MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008 AT THE COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX OFFICE 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE

#### PRESENT:

Julie Reyes  
Robert Fanuzzi  
Herbert Young  
Howard Ring  
Yolanda Holmes  
Michael Jorgensen  
Jeffrey Otto

#### AFFILIATION:

CB 8 Committee Chairperson  
CB 8 Committee member  
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Committee member  
7-Eleven  
7-Eleven, Guest speaker  
Community resident

Committee Chairpersons J. Reyes called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M., committee member R. Fanuzzi recording minutes.

Welcome and introductions of all present conducted.

Minutes of the January 24, 2008 committee meeting approved with no amendments.

#### Chairs Report

- Discussion had on committee nominations for CB 8's Community Service Award.
- JOBS:
  1. Life Guards ~ Qualifying test for training started in January ~ For locations & dates check [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks) or Roy Tellason (212) 360-1328.
  2. EMS or Paramedic ~ Call (718) 999-FDNY, or call 311 or website: [www.nyc.gov/fdny](http://www.nyc.gov/fdny)

#### Guest Speaker: Michael C. Jorgensen, S. Real Estate Representative for 7-Eleven

- Michael Jorgensen's presentation was focused on 7-Eleven's Business Conversion Program which converts existing businesses into a 7-Eleven. Below is synopsis of presentation.

- Mr. Jorgensen reported on 7-Eleven's success with over 33,500 stores worldwide – 5,500 being in the U.S., daily delivery of portable fresh food items made fresh 7 days a week in a central commissary and bakery, training and support services, business counseling...etc.
- Minimum requirement for site and participant are, but not limited to: At least 1,800 square feet of selling space required, 24 hour operation or a location that can obtain a 24 hour use permit, existing business in operation at least 1 year at location, ABC and Cigarette license with no recent violations, be at least 21 yrs. old, read, write and speak English proficiently, US citizen or in possession of a legal resident alien card of the local jurisdiction, willing to join franchise...etc
- Committee members gave suggestion of locations to place a 7-Eleven, such as near a subway stop, and advised that a 7-Eleven establishment would not be welcomed in primarily residential areas due to the 24 hour service.
- Mr. Jorgensen can be contacted via e-mail at mjorge01@7-11.com

### **Vice Chair Report**

Discussion and update had on Trolley. R Fanuzzi reported on his appearance at recent CB 8 Aging committee meeting, where he learned about the extent of shuttles for the senior population in residence and day facilities. As each organization was stretched for personnel and budget, it was proposed that they pool their resources and coordinate their routes, as has been done in Washington Heights. R. Fanuzzi also reported on discussion of Cultural Trolley leasing by board of Kingsbridge BID. Further financial information is needed if that board is to consider renting the trolley for a pilot program.

Discussion had on the Riverdale Gardens restaurant. R. Fanuzzi requested that the committee contact the owner and Chef Michael Sherman to offer assistance and support for current fund-raising venture, as a gourmet restaurant is a bellwether business for the neighborhood.

### **Old Business:**

Discussion had on listing jobs in the neighborhood newspapers and CB 8 website.

### **New Business:**

Discussion had on CB 8 Budget Priorities Request for Fiscal Year 2010.

Brief discussion had on committee's mission & goals, with reference made to charter for committee in 197a plan.

**Announcements:**

The *next* committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2008. The time and location will be announced at a later date.

Meeting adjourned 9:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

***Julie Reyes***

Chairperson

Economic Development Committee

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