

**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MAY 31, 2007**

AT THE COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX OFFICE
5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE

PRESENT:

J. Reyes
R. Fanuzzi
K. Broihier
H. Ring

AFFILIATION:

CB #8 Economic Development Committee Chairperson
CB #8 Board Member
Committee Member/ Kingsbridge BID
Guest- Community Resident

Committee Chairperson J. Reyes called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

Welcome and introductions of all present conducted.

Minutes of the March 29, 2007 committee meeting approved.

Chairperson's Report:

JOBS/ TRAINING:

- Dept. of Citywide Administration Services: check exam schedules 1st Wednesday monthly at www.nyc.gov/dcas or (212) 669-1357 or 311
Other city jobs: www.nyc.gov/workingfornyc
- Wildlife Conservation Society locations @ Bronx Zoo, NY Aquarium, Central Park, Prospect Park & Queens Zoos....must be at least 16 yrs. old, start wage \$ 7.15 hr. www.wcs.org or (718) 220-5097
- FREE JOB TRAINING for NYC Housing Authority residents and/or NYC Public High School Seniors....Construction, Health & Safety and Environmental remediation....18-25 yrs. old, H.S. or GED...Must register for orientation & interview....(718) 250-5904 or www.constructionskills.org

MISC.

- Dress for Success accepts new or nearly new interview appropriate suits, separates & accessories. www.dressforsuccess.org 2038 Davidson Ave., Bx (718) 866-0672 (also Manhattan & Queens location)
- State aid ~ Workers Compensation~ for World Trade Center rescue, recovery or clean-up workers in Manhattan south of Canal St. in the year after the 2001 terror attack. MUST register by Aug. 14, 2007 – illness not a prerequisite. www.NYCOSH or (866) WTC-2556
- Discussion had on the developer's preliminary plans for the commercial development property at W. 230th St. & Broadway.
Resolution passed reaffirming the committee's request to place an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) garage station in the confines of Community Board 8 Bronx.

Committee Participation: If you are unable to attend committee meeting, please feel free to forward any comments/ suggestions to Chairperson via communication to Board office or E-mail: MsJulieReyes@juno.com

Vice Chairperson's Report:

Discussion and update on trolley progress. Two separate routes were discussed: (1) all in one loop with trolley traveling along the commercial establishments on Riverdale Ave., starting either in the vicinity of W. 256 St. or W. 236 St., go to the Johnson Ave. business area and then proceed towards W. 231 St. ending near Broadway. The trolley would reverse itself starting in the vicinity of W. 231 St. and Broadway and travel back towards Riverdale Ave. or (2) one trolley for Kingsbridge and one trolley for Riverdale. Whichever route is eventually considered the MTA will be consulted about the overlap with buses.

Mr. Palombo has graciously donated Palombo's Café on Riverdale Avenue for the next committee meeting. A presentation by Professor Poo of Monroe College will be conducted on "Students in Free Enterprise" - matches students with businesses to assist in technical advancement.

Discussion had on the increased quantity of inspections made by several agencies to Riverdale Avenue business establishment.

Committee Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2009:

Discussion and finalization on Budget Priorities for fiscal year 2009.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Discussion had on bringing food co-ops & fresh food markets to community. Topic to continue in future meetings.

Discussion had on the need for more Small Business Associations in CB 8.

Kingsbridge BID District Manager K. Broihier gave update and report of businesses in BID area. Several vacancies of commercial establishments in the vicinity of Broadway & W. 231st St.

Announcements:

The committee is thankful for all the assistance through the years by Executive Director Janet Golovner of the Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation. We wish her well on her retirement.

The *next* Economic Development committee meeting will be held at Palombo's Café on Riverdale Avenue and 236th Street.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie M. Reyes

Chairperson

Economic Development Committee