

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2014 AT  
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

**PRESENT**

Sergio Villaverde  
Robert Press  
Gary Singleton  
Sergio Marquez  
Sylvia Alexander  
David Kornbluh  
Julie Reyes  
Herb Young  
Alexis Wendell  
Katherine Broihier  
Tracy Shelton  
Andrew Sandler  
Jennifer Sproull  
Kevin Minogue

**AFFILIATION**

Committee Chair, CB8  
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Montefiore  
Kingsbridge BID  
KRVC  
CM Cohen  
Kingsbridge BID  
Resident

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Committee chair Sergio Villaverde.

**1. Minutes of September 2014.**

- Add: Discussion regarding community board community members' non-approval by Board Chair. Certain member's expressed concern at Board Chair's policy of limiting community participation as committee members.
- Tracy Shelton's name must be corrected.
- Gary Singleton Moved to approve minutes with corrections, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Kornbluh.
- All in favor 0 no, 1 abstention – Robert Press
- Minutes approved with corrections.

**2. Kingsbridge BID's Broadway Lighting Project**

- Kingsbridge BID expressed need for Department of Transportation cooperation with lighting project.
- Kingsbridge Bid District Manager Katherine Broihier presented on proposed lighting project.
- BID may need a letter and other communication from committee in support to NYC.
- Multiple BIDS have already upgraded to LED. Project as proposed would be paid for by BID

**3. NYC Agency forum**

- NYC Agency forum will be divided into two events with relevant Agencies: First event will focus on violations. The second forum will be spring 2015 and focus on paid sick leave law.

#### **4. Merchants Association Update**

- Tracy Shelton gave update regarding merchant associations. Marble Hill merchants are organizing into an Association.
- Committee will support the formation the Merchant's Association in any reasonable manner.

#### **5. Old Business**

- Mr. Singleton discussed the business form designed to prevent violations and fines. With multiple agencies involved. This may be consolidated with the above noted merchants forum.
- Two community member limit and non-approval was discussed at length. Some members expressed concern and thought matter should also be taken up by other committees.

Concerns included the disenfranchisement of community members and the limiting of Committee Chair's ability to manage the committee.

- Tracy Shelton from KRVDC said Johnson Avenue Merchant festival was very successful.

#### **6. New Business**

- Why does Con Edison take so long to approve new businesses? They take 6 months or more for the opening of business.
- Katherine Broihier announced that SBS has accelerator team to assist small businesses in opening and assist businesses.
- Tracy Shelton announced the Gala for Riverfest.
- November 2, 2014 will be the North Riverdale Merchants' Association community festival.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

**Next meeting December 2, 2014 at 7:30 location to be determined.**

Submitted by Sergio Villaverde  
Chair, Economic Development Committee