

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON September 16, 2019

Bronx Ale House
216 West 238th Street, Bronx, NY

PRESENT:	AFFILIATION
Sergio Villaverde	Committee Chair, CB8
Louis Lopez	CB8 (CM)
Julia T. Gomez	CB8 (CM)
Margaret Della	CB8 (CM)
Jyll Townes	CB8 (CM)
Nick Fazio	CB8 (CM)
Camelia Tepelus	CB8 (CM)
David Gellman	CB8
Tamara Britt	General Counsel for Manhattan College
Katherine Broihier	Kingsbridge Business Bid
Jen Sproull	Kingsbridge Business Bid

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: (None).

Meeting was called to order at 19:45 by Committee Chair Sergio Villaverde.

1. All present made introductions.
2. Kingsbridge Business Bid Improvement District- Expansion

Katherine Broihier discussed the Kingsbridge Business Bid Improvement District- Expansion. Extensive discussion was held. The discussion entailed Ms. Boehner providing the committee with a description of the Bid including an overview of the services offered to merchants and its plans to expand services into Broadway from W 236 – W 230th street.

Tamara J. Britt, General Counsel for Manhattan College was present and expressed an interest in collaborating with the Kingsbridge Business Bid.

Chairman Villaverde encouraged the idea of Manhattan College and the Kingsbridge Business Bid collaborating and expressed his thoughts on how both institutions may benefit from working together moving forward.

Cameila Tepelus suggested hiring a consultant to study the feasibility of the Kingsbridge Business Expansion Plan in an effort to make the process more efficient.

3. Proposal for the Allocation of using Community Board Funds to assist the Kingsbridge Business Bid in attaining a Consultant to explore expansion.

Resolution presented and passed.

J. Gomez proposed 2nd by L.Lopez

Unanimously Approved

4. Proposal to Discuss Traffic & Transportation's Resolution & Opposing the Better Buses Broadway Improvements plan in its current form.

L. Lopez proposed 2nd by Nick Fazio

Voted in favor: Sergio Villaverde, Julia T. Gomez, Margaret Della and Jyll Townes

One Abstention: Camelia Tepelus

5. New Business:

Chairman Villaverde gave a report about DOT's plan to expand and place a bus lane which will run from 228th -225th street.

6. Old Business:

Merchant Award addressed by Jyll Townes and Margaret Della. Discussion held. Ms.

Townes and Ms. Della provided a draft of CB8 MVM Award Application.

Chairman Villaverde praised the work of Committee Members Townes and Della on this issue. Chair will work with board to post a call for nominations.

Meeting adjourned at 21:00

Dated: September 16, 2019

Submitted by Louis Lopez

Committee Member, Economic Development Committee