

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**  
**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON NOVEMBER 26, 2019**

*Yo-Burger,*  
*3726 Riverdale Ave, Bronx, NY*

**PRESENT:**

Sergio Villaverde  
Louis Lopez  
Julia T. Gomez  
Margaret Della  
Jyll Townes  
Camelia Tepus  
Nick Fazio  
David Gellman

**AFFILIATION**

Committee Chair, CB8  
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Meeting was called to order at 20:00 by Committee Chair Sergio Villaverde.

1. All present made introductions.
2. Chairman Villaverde provided an update on the Merchant Award and discussion was held.

Margaret Della and Jyll Townes presented the criteria guidelines for the committee selection process. Extensive discussion was held concerning potential recipients of the award and the members explored how the presented guidelines may be implemented at the committee level to ensure the selection of a qualified recipient.

3. Chairman Villaverde addressed the Business Area Street Construction on Kingsbridge.

Discussion held. Members of the committee expressed their concerns regarding the methods of traffic control being used during street construction on Kingsbridge. During extensive discussion, the committee took aim at the lack of notice being provided to small businesses and the public in general before the construction is commenced. Further, the committee members spoke about the negative effects that result due to the lack of notice being provided and the public safety issue created by the personnel hired to control traffic during the construction.

4. Committee reviewed the Kingsbridge Business Bid Resolution and discussed the presentation provided in the September meeting. Upon review, the committee passed a new resolution requesting Community Board 8 allocate funds to directly retain a consultant who would conduct a feasibility study that addresses the establishment or expansion of a Business Improvement District in the areas surrounding the current Kingsbridge Business Improvement District Zone.

- Louis Lopez proposed the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Fazio
- In Favor: 5    Opposed: 0    Abstentions: 2
- Voted in Favor: Sergio Villaverde, Nick Fazio, Julia Gomez, Louis Lopez, & Jylle Townes
- Two Abstentions: Camelia Tepelus & Margaret Della

Meeting adjourned at 21:00

Dated: November 26, 2019  
Submitted by Louis Lopez  
Vice Chair, Economic Development Committee