

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**  
**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

*Land and Sea Restaurant*  
*5535 Broadway, Bronx, NY*

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
Sergio Villaverde	Committee Chair, CB8
Julia T. Gomez	CB8 (CM)
Margaret Della	CB8 (CM)
Jyll Townes	CB8 (CM)
David Gellman	CB8
Cesar Genoa Mejia	CB8 (CM)
Camelia Tepelus	KRVC
Rosemary Ginty	CB8
Dan Padernacht	CB8
Katherine Broihler	KB BID
Jen Sproull	KB Bid
Mary Yamagata	CB8 (CM)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Tracy Pardo, Louis Lopez, Carlos Wilcox, Julie Reyes

Meeting was called to order at 19:30 by Committee Chair Sergio Villaverde.

1. All present made introductions.
2. Chair Villaverde gave report of meeting with DOT and Elected Official regarding W 242 Street and Broadway Merchant issues. Notes of the meeting, January 8, 2019, with DOT and elected officials was read. Notes provided were:

*Meeting notes DOT meeting 1-8-19*

*Sergio Villaverde, CB 8*  
*Nivardo Lopez, Comm Bx DOT*  
*DANSA Cruz, Bronx DOT*  
*Matthew Arancio, Bx DOT*  
*Hon. Andrew Cohen, CM*  
*Hon. Jeffrey Dinowitz, AM*

1. *Explore loading zones during certain period of time if requested.*
2. *No way to prevent buses from blocking lane when stopped . Bee line buses turn at red no solution for this. No relief except as below.*

3. *Commuter drop off and pick ups. Will consider signage, pedestrian fences and markings to encourage use of the no standing zone to encourage drop off not in main lane. Would like a resolution regarding a study to review same.*

4. *DOT will also talk to Westchester County about bus turn around at W 238 instead of W 242.*

5. *DOT discussed capital project moving SB bus stop north 60 feet and eliminating NB left turn lane at BK to open a new lane.*

6. *They will look at the meter time limits if requested.*

3. Concept of Merchant Award addressed by **Jyll Townes and Margaret Della**. Discussion held.

Criteria guidelines for committee selection process presented. Extensive discussion was held. Award will come from this committee and details will be implemented at committee level at time of selection by vote. Board Chair R. Ginty suggested awarding by neighborhood.

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.

4. Consultant for beautification planning discussion held. Chair will be following up with Roz and DM.

Need a scope of work finalized. Chair will work with office to accomplish same.

5. Community Stakeholder Number proposal.

Resolution presented and passed.

M. Yamagata proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Townes

Unanimously Approved

6. New Business:

**Camela Tepelus**

Gave Marble Hill update. Her Report will be done and wants to present to EDC meeting regarding Marble Hill.

Also stated the KRVC may not be able to fund all activities it previously had provided.

7. Old Business:

**Katherine Bohner** raised employee parking at Riverdale crossings mall. Manager stated that issue is being addressed. As leases get renewed employee parking will likely decrease. Parking depends on lease agreements.

Also Bus parking spot in front of Land and Sea needs to be moved. The day time bus stop usage is very bad for business. Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Daniel Padernacht stated that there is a consensus amongst elected officials to do so. All are awaiting MTA response.

**David Gellman** reminded committee of budget priorities and timeline for submission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Dated: February 5, 2019  
Submitted by Sergio Villaverde  
Chair, Economic Development Committee

