

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 14, 2018**

Yo Burger, 3726 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY

PRESENT:

Daris B. Jackson
Rosemary Ginty
Julie Reyes
Rosalind Zarvas
Kevin Graulau

AFFILIATION

Committee Vice-Chair, CB8
Board Chair, CB8
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Community Resident

NOT PRESENT:, Julia Gomez, Jyll Townes, Sergio Villaverde.

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Committee Vice Chair, Daris B. Jackson.

1. Board Member's and community members present introduced selves to each other.
2. Merchant Recognition was discussed. Committee expressed need to have community involved in the process, and the possibility of advertising the process on the board's FaceBook page, and in the Riverdale press. Discussion was held on timing – possible timing for the event and award to be held at end of summer, or beginning of spring. Committee expressed interest in having community members nominate merchants to receive recognition.
3. Broadway Corridor – 242nd Street Area – Discussion was held regarding the new sidewalks, and the impact the changes are having on merchants in the W. 242nd Street Area. Community Member Graulau indicated there are numerous busses that park in the area, and raised concerns about increased school bus activity when the new charter school opens in the area. Board Chair Ginty provided an areal map of the area, and indicated the slip block is currently closed to traffic in the area, which is adversely impacting deliveries to businesses in the area. Committee members Reyes and Zarvas suggested inviting merchants in the W. 242 area to attend our next meeting, to hear other concerns the merchants are experiencing as a result of the “bus bulb.”
4. Marble Hill EDC Town Hall – Discussion was held concerning the status of the EDC Town Hall. The Proposed date for June was canceled due to a conflict with a Land Use Meeting, added in for the same date. Vice Chair Jackson updated the committee, and suggested a possible postponement of the EDC Town Hall to the Fall, when the elected

officials that cover Marble Hill would be able to attend, as their schedules are not amenable for a Summer Town Hall date. Committee was in favor.

5. Old Business – Discussion was held regarding the parking at the mall at 231st and Broadway, where Blink Fitness is. Committee was made aware that security guards are patrolling the parking lot, and enforcing parking rules. Further, Blink Fitness has advised their members that members are not allowed to park in the lot, despite Blink Fitness being in the mall. Committee Member Reyes raised the issue of public space that was supposed to be made available when the mall was constructed; the issue has been forwarded to the District Manager to investigate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Submitted by Daris B. Jackson
Vice Chair, Economic Development Committee