

**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2006**

AT THE COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX OFFICE
5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE

PRESENT:

AFFILIATION:

J. Reyes	CB #8 Economic Development Committee Chairperson
D. Bowden	CB #8 Board Member
A. Fana	CB #8 Board Member
R. Fanuzzi	CB #8 Board Member
L. Vazquez	CB #8 Board Member
H. Young	CB #8 Board Member
J. Golovner	Committee Member/KRVCDC

Committee Chairperson J. Reyes called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Minutes recorded by D. Bowden.

The first order of business was to approve the Economic Development committee minutes of April 27, 2006.

Chairperson’s Report:

Brief discussion had on committee’s goals & business development related questionnaire.

Dinner Workshop Series presented by the Riverdale Wealth Management LLC November 8th & Dec. 6th at 6:30 P.M. at Nonno Tony’s restaurant 554 W. 235 St. Topic for the evening: “How to Save Taxes This Year and Every Year”. Call to reserve seat 718/543-5906.

Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation (KRVCDC) awarded \$ 200,000 NYS Main Street Program.

WorkForce1 Career Services, city-wide agency, provides direct assistance to business owners and job seekers with services such as preparing New Yorkers for jobs and link employers to a skilled and qualified workforce. Recently, WorkForce1 collaborated with Bronx organizations such as North Bronx Thinktank (646/ 519-0235) and the Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association - 2805 University Ave. #B (718/ 548-0472) and held a weekend job fair. Over 660 people came out for jobs. Future endeavors hopeful for additional job fairs to be held in the Bronx.

Job search sites listed on The Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation - The Bronx At Work webpage. <http://www.bronxatwork.com/jobsite/resources.asp>

Sanitation Department is pre-registering laborers to remove snow- \$10 to \$ 15 hr., call 311.

NYC Police Dept. hiring for Police Officers. Application deadline January 15, 2007 – fee waived. Call 311 or download application at NYC.GOV/HTML/DCAS

Discussion had on Pathmark/242 St. & Bdwy, and the West 230th /Broadway business development sites.

Committee Participation: If you are unable to attend committee meeting, please feel free to forward any comments/ suggestions to Chairperson via communication to Board office or E-mail: MsJulieReyes@juno.com

Unfinished Business:

None

Committee Goals & Agenda:

Roundtable discussion had on Community Board 8’s business areas, development, economics, EMS garage station, overgrowth, parking, commercial diversity, merchants association, real estate, and demographic change....etc.

Community Board member R. Fanuzzi suggested trolley service for the Johnson/Riverdale commercial area. Discussion had on trolley service and the committee resolved to conduct research into trolley/jitney service for the area and inclusion of surrounding neighborhoods.

New Business:

Committee member J. Golovner, Executive Director KRVCDC, discussed the Kingsbridge Main Street Initiative, NYS Main Street Program. It is a storefront renovation program which will match funds with businesses in the target area.

Discussion had on concerns of businesses in the North Riverdale area.

Announcements:

Riverdale Garden restaurant 4576 Mosholu & Beccofino restaurant 5704 Mosholu listed in Michelin's NYC 2007 dining guide.

KRVCDC will celebrate their 25th Anniversary of Community Service on Nov. 19th 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the College of Mount Saint Vincent. They will also recognize the leadership & contribution of Executive Director Janet Golovner. Tickets are \$ 75 and Journal order forms available \$ 50 to \$ 1,100.

The *next* Economic Development committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 30th at the Board office.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie M. Reyes

Chairperson

Economic Development Committee

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