

**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2007
AT THE COMMUNITY BOARD 8 OFFICE
5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Robert Fanuzzi	CB #8 Committee Vice Chairman
Maria Khuri	CB #8
James Plaza	CB #8
I. William Stone	CB #8
Janet Golovner	Committee Member/KRVCDC
Thomas Giallorenzi	Community Resident
Jackie Bojilov	Community Resident

Vice Chair R. Fanuzzi, substituting for Chair J. Reyes, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p. m.

- I. Approval of minutes from November 30, 2006 meeting
- II. Chairperson's report
 - A. The last meeting of the committee was at the Public Service Commission public hearing of January 22, at which area business owners gave testimony of the ill effects of the proposed Con Ed project.
 - B. At its February 13 meeting, the board reached a consensus making the Economic Development Committee a standing committee and asked the Law and Legislative Committee for a resolution.
 - C. Job and job training opportunities for CB8 residents: Dept. of Sanitation snow removal; NYPD (application fee waived); Manhattan CB 8; Wildlife Conservation Society; NYCHA Resident Employment Services; Construction Skills 2000 Pre-Apprenticeship Training; Dress for Success interview preparation workshops. Workers Compensation is being offered for WTC workers and responders (deadline 8/14/07).
 - D. Janet Golovner, director of the KRVCDC, reported on the details of the Main Streets grant for Broadway businesses, and on the corporation's search for a community liaison to implement it. She also offered to forward the job description for the director's position to the committee.
- III. Old Business
 - A. R. Fanuzzi reported on proposed shopping shuttle, describing existing Bronx area shuttles, their constituencies, and their funding. Different routes were discussed, with the feasibility of incorporating libraries into the plan, and of using major co-ops and condos as major staging areas and funding partners. J. Golovner proposed making a presentation before ARC. I. W. Stone asked that rental properties, and renters, be included on any proposed route. The committee decided to pursue two separate routes: one linking the anchor stores of the Kingsbridge commercial district; another connecting the Riverdale Ave./ Johnson Ave. district.
- IV. New Business
 - A. The committee will invite Nestor Reyes of NYC Business Solutions to its next meeting to learn how its services might help local businesses. M. Khury and J. Golovner proposed that the committee co-sponsor regular workshops for business owners and circulate questionnaire regarding their needs.
- V. Announcements and Adjournment
 - A. The committee invites local business owners to apply for the board's Community Service Award.
 - B. The next meeting of the committee will be held in conjunction with the Library and Cultural Affairs committee in early April.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Fanuzzi