

**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 29, 2007
AT THE COMMUNITY BOARD EIGHT OFFICE
5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

Present:

Robert Fanuzzi
Herb Young
Nestor Reyes
Katherine Broihier
Shannon Goodson
Janet Golovner

Affiliation:

CB#8 Committee Vice Chair
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NYC Business Solutions
Kingsbridge BID
Committee Member/KRVCDC
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Vice Chair R. Fanuzzi, substituting for Chair J. Reyes, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

- I. Approval of minutes from February 22, 2007 meeting
- II. Introduction of new and returning members; the committee welcomed S. Goodson from KRVCDC, Nestor Reyes from NYC Business Solutions, and K. Broihier from Kingsbridge BID.
- III. Chair's report:
 - A. Employment opportunities: Senior Community Service Employment Program; Taste of the Bronx.
 - B. New York City Department of Small Business Services Clean Streets, outreach to small business for sanitation and other services.
 - C. Hearing of NYC Broadband Advisory Committee held on March 30th in Bronx Community College, with benefit of broadband services to local businesses.
 - D. Review of Capital and Expense Budget priorities for FY 2008; J. Golovner will advise on requested sidewalk and curb repair for next budget cycle
 - E. Demise of Pathmark development at Manhattan College site.
- IV. New Business
 - A. S. Goodson of KRVCDC reported on outreach to local businesses taking Main Streets Grant; workshops will be held for grant compliance.
 - B. K. Broihier of local BID reported on business openings and closings: expansion of East Side Market into "Wings to Go" space; closure of Annie Sez; new retailer in same space, and dry cleaning store on corner of 234th; market rate condominiums on Corlear/231st; Furniture store on Broadway 230th, across from Land and Sea, is going out of business; Spring graffiti cleanup campaign will begin soon.
 - C. N. Reyes of NYC Business Solutions reported on the various services available to local small businesses: job training; job placement; legal services; minority contracting licensing; city agency contracting; loan support and packaging. Of special interest to local businesses are seminars in getting started as a small business and creating a long-term business plan. Both J. Golovner and K. Broihier told of efforts toward property owners who have empty commercial space; N. Reyes offered to bring his roster of small businesses looking for space to the BID and KRVCDC. R. Fanuzzi invited N. Reyes back to future meeting and hoped to hold local seminars of specific interest to business community.
 - D. K. Broihier reported on program of Monroe College to bring Wi-Fi to local businesses.
- V. Old Business
 - A. R. Fanuzzi tabled his report on the shopping shuttle until the next meeting due to time considerations.

VI. Announcement and adjournment

Until further notice, no April meeting is scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Fanuzzi