

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 27, 2008

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

PRESENT:

Julie Reyes
Debbie Bowden
Robert Fanuzzi
Thomas Giallorenzi
Juan Goris
Herbert Young
Howard Ring

AFFILIATION:

CB 8 Committee Chairperson
CB 8 Committee member
Committee member

Committee Chairpersons J. Reyes convened the meeting at 7:40 P.M., committee member H. Young recording minutes.

Welcome and introductions of all present conducted.

Minutes of the February 28, 2008 committee meeting accepted as submitted.

Chairs Report

Food Stamp Program:

Councilman Eric Gioia spoke at the Board's General meeting in March and advised the following:

- Anyone can call **311** or Councilman Gioia's office at **718.383.9566** for Food Stamp Program office locations & hours, some offices have weekend hours
- Average benefit \$ 204 per household
- May apply even if you have no income or are unemployed
- Examples of net monthly Income range from \$ 851 for household size of one (1) to \$ 2,301 for household of six (6)
- Food stamp books are no longer used – participants given ATM cards

FREE Income Tax Preparation

Mondays & Thursdays 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. @ YWCA 50 Broadway, 13th floor, NYC - **212.937.8700**

FREE Women's Employment 6 week Program @ YWCA in NYC at 50 Broadway, 13th Fl, 212.937.8700

JOBS:

Employment information collected by committee will be displayed on the Board's web site once site is updated.

The **Federal Aviation Association** (FAA) is taking applications for Air Traffic Controller School for young adults between the ages of 18-31 with a high school diploma. Within 3 years salary targeted over \$100,000. For details go to:

http://www.faa.gov/jobs/job_opportunities/airtraffic_controllers/

Free Employment Training 13-9 year olds @ Riverdale House, Teen Program
718.549-8100 or 5521 Mosholu Avenue.

NY State Lottery seeking Lotto Number caller ~ by March 28th, submit resume by e-mail only – drawteam@lottery.state.ny.us

Administration for Children's Services hiring Child Protective Case Workers – deadline March 25th but the agency continues to hire.....www.nyc.gov/acs.

Life Guards ~ Qualifying test for training start in January ~ 16 yrs. & older ~ For locations & dates check www.nyc.gov/parks or Roy Tellason (212) 360-1328.

Transportation & Logistic Job Fair ~ The New Yorker Hotel 481 Eighth Ave., Tuesday, April 8th – 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m. (800) 299-7534 or NYDailyNews.com/job to pre-register.

Recent past Job fairs:

Continental Airlines Job Fair

MTA Metro North Railroad held Career Fair for various craft positions, including electricians, plumbers, sheet metal workers, welders, linemen, elevator mechanics, electrical testers and radio maintainers.

JOB WEB-SITES:

Cityhallnews.com

Web-Sites for Mature Individuals:

WORKFORCE50.COM * FIVEOCLOCKCLUB.COM * AARP.ORG

Vice Chair Report R. Fanuzzi:

Brief discussion and update had on Trolley.

Old Business:

Discussion had on committee nominations for CB 8 Community Service Award.

Discussion had on Budget Priorities for Year 2010.

Discussion had on committee's mission, goals and projected timeline.

New Business:

Discussion had regarding NYC Economic Development Corporation's issuance in 2004 of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the sale and redevelopment of an approximately 74,5000 square foot surface parking lot, located between 230th Street & Verveleen Place and their 2006 selection of Cerruzzi Holdings to develop said lot.

Resolution unanimously passed requiring Cerruzzi Holdings to sign agreement forms within thirty (30) days, and should Cerruzzi Holdings refuse to move forward request that the NYC Economic Development Corporation immediately select another developer, preferably from their 2004 short list of five (5).

Announcements:

The *next* committee meeting will be held on Thursday, **April 24**, 2008. The time and location will be announced at a later date.

Meeting adjourned 8: 40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Reyes
Chairperson
Economic Development Committee

JR:db (April 8, 2008)