

**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2007**

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

PRESENT:

J. Reyes
D. Bowden
R. Fanuzzi
T. Giallorenzi
H. Ring

AFFILIATION:

CB #8 Economic Development Committee Chairperson
CB #8 Board Member
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Guest- Community Resident

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

Welcome and introductions of all present conducted.

Minutes of the May 31, 2007 committee meeting approved.

Chairperson's Report:

- Committee meetings will usually be held on the last Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Board office.
- Brief discussion on the commercial development property & loss of an EMS Station at W. 230th St. & Broadway and the demise of the Manhattan College/ Path Mark supermarket development.
- Dress for Success accepts new or nearly new interview appropriate suits, separates & accessories. www.dressforsuccess.org 2038 Davidson Ave., Bx (718) 866-0672 (also Manhattan & Queens location)

JOBS/ TRAINING:

- Police Officer for the Port Authority of NY & NJ: apply online September 10 to midnight October 5 @ www.JoinThePortAuthority.com
- Dept. of Citywide Administration Services: check exam schedules 1st Wednesday of every month www.nyc.gov/dcas (212) 669-1357 or 311
Other city jobs: www.nyc.gov/workingfornyc...Scroll to "Find a Job with NYC"
- FREE JOB TRAINING for NYCHA Residents and NYC Public High School Seniors....Construction, Health & Safety and Environmental remediation....18-25 yrs. old & HS or GED...Must register for orientation & interview.....(718) 250-5904 or www.constructionskills.org
- Bronx Initiative for Energy and the Environment: BOEDC Bronx Environmental Revolving Loan Fund~ Profit & non-profits re: Implementation of energy efficient measure~ \$10,000 to \$ 100,000 Contact Kate Shackford (718) 590-3498
- Bronx Business Solutions Center provides free, quick & reliable info. on a range of critical business issues. Nestor Reyes (718) 960-7988 nreyes@wildcatatwork.org
- Springboard Loan Fund by BOEDC for small businesses in the Bronx to assist developing businesses. (718) 537-5261

- Bronx Business Solutions Center: 7 week course in business basics- Wednesdays, October 2, 2007 to November 14, 2007- 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. @ BBSC 358 E 149 St., Lower Level RSVP (718) 960-7988 www.nyc.gov/smallbiz
- Bronx Resource Initiative by BOEDC & SoBRO~ Provides services to existing Local Development Corporations & emerging retail merchant organizations in the Bronx. Rome Birkett, BOEDC (718) 537-5261 rbirkett@boedc.org, Charles Jackson, SoBRO (718) 292-3113 cjackson@sobro.org
- Sanitation Dept. pre-registering laborers to remove snow...\$ 10-15 hr., call 311

Discussion had on sharing job postings with local news outlets and Board web site.

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

Vice Chairperson's Report:

- Discussion and update on trolley progress. Discussion will continue at the next meeting regarding possible trolley routes. Suggestions of routes welcomed by the October 25th meeting.
- A future presentation will be conducted on “Students in Free Enterprise” - matches students with businesses to assist in technical advancement.
- Discussion had on Farmers Markets.

Old Business:

None

Roundtable Discussion of Committee's Goals and Agenda:

Brief discussion had on committee's goals, to be continued and finalized at next meeting.

New Business:

Discussion had on, but not limited to, local businesses, decline of quality commercial establishments, costly renewal leases and local landlords.

Announcements:

The *next* Economic Development committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 25th, location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie M. Reyes
Chairperson
Economic Development Committee

JMR/db