

**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 29, 2007
AT THE BOARD OFFICE NO. 8 OFFICE
5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

PRESENT:

J. Reyes
R. Fanuzzi
H. Ring

AFFILIATION:

CB #8 Committee Chairperson
CB #8 Committee member
Committee Member

Committee Chairperson J. Reyes called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Welcome and introductions of all present conducted.

Minutes of the October 25, 2007 committee meeting amended to include J. Goris as present, then approved.

Chairperson's Report:

Welcome new committee member Howard Ring.

At this time there is still no new developments regarding the W. 230th Street and Broadway site.

New Starbuck's opened this month at W. 235 Street and Johnson Ave.

Discussion had on the Manhattan College development presentation made at this month's full Board meeting. The presentation included a number of significant changes from the last proposal, including much smaller store space on Broadway to 12,000 square feet, which they would like to reserve for a "specialty food store". They are stuck on the bridge issue with the Arts Dept. which the committee believes will be an eyesore and hazard. The committee set forth Resolution (see attached) stating that the bridge does not hold any Economic Development value and disapproves of the bridge structure.

7-Eleven, for the first time, is offering select businesses the opportunity to participate in 7-Eleven's Business Conversion Program. This program offers business owners the opportunity to convert their existing store to a 7-Eleven franchise, to transform their

business with a proven model, to change their sign and much more. The committee will have a representative make a presentation at a future meeting.

The City of NY Department of Information Technology & Telecommunications, Franchise & Concession Review Committee will be holding a public hearing on December 10, 2007 re: Petition to 1) amend the franchises of Mobilitie, LLC and Dianet Communications, LLC, 2) award franchises to NextG Networks of NY, Inc. and Lexent Metro Connect, LLC and 3) approve the change of control of Dianet Communications, LLC. For further information call: (212) 788-6538.

Request For Bids (RFB) will be conducted by the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation for the sale of food from pushcarts, processing carts, and mobile trucks at locations citywide. For further information call: (212) 360-1336 or www.nyc.gov/parks.

As you bring in the New Year and get rid of old habits and things remember: **Dress for Success** accepts new or nearly new interview appropriate suites, separates & accessories. www.dressforsuccess.org 2038 Davidson Ave., Bx (718) 866-0672 (*also Manhattan & Queens location*).

JOBS:

NY State Trooper Examination Deadline is December 1, 2007

The opportunity to take the entrance examination for the position of NY State Trooper comes around just once every four (4) years. This examination, held January 19, 26, February 2 and 9, 2008 will cover the hiring period of 2008 through 2012.

Sanitation Department: Pre-registering laborers to remove snow: \$ 10-15 hr., call 311 or register with Community Boards 12, 9, 6, 5, 2 or 1.

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 Robert Fanuzzi Report:

- Discussion and update on trolley progress.
- Discussion had "Cultural Trolley" future joint meeting with the Boards Libraries & Cultural Affairs committee, agencies and community cultural organization.

Old Business:

- Discussion had on compiling questionnaire for merchants in attempts to ascertain their needs and how the Board can assist them.
- Discussion had on proposed committee "Job Fair" in the spring of 2008.

New Business:

- None

Announcements:

- There will be NO December committee meeting.
- Projected joint meeting with the Libraries & Cultural Affairs committee will be held January 24, 2008. Confirmation and notices will be forwarded.

HAPPY, HEALTHY & SAFE HOLIDAYS!

Meeting adjourned 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Reyes
Chairperson
Economic Development Committee

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Economic Development Committee recommends that Community Board No. 8 Bronx adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, Community Board No. 8 Bronx has been recently advised by Manhattan College of their significant change of their proposed parking garage at West 242 Street and Broadway, and

Whereas, the new proposal significantly reduces economic development opportunities, and,

Whereas, the new proposal dedicates only 11,600 square feet of retail development as opposed to the original proposal of 54,000 square feet, and

Whereas, the new proposed structure includes a pedestrian bridge, which has no true value to the community and could be an eye sore as well as a traffic hazard, and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee seeks to improve our economic growth *and* enhance the community's commercial structural qualities and the public's safety, now therefore

It is resolved that Community Board No. 8 Bronx DISAPPROVE the structure of proposed bridge in Manhattan College proposal at W. 242 Street and Broadway.

DISAPPROVE MANHATTAN COLLEGE PROPOSED BRIDGE STRUCTURE

Vote: **2** In Favor **0** Opposed **1** Abstentions

Community Board Members

J. Reyes and R. Fanuzzi

Committee Member

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Opposed

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Abstain

H. Ring