

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON June 4, 2013**

***Yo Burger
3726 Riverdale Avenue Bronx, New York 10463***

PRESENT

Sergio Villaverde
Sylvia Alexander
Andrew Cohen
Paul Ellis
Robert Fanuzzi
Maria Khury
David Kornbluh
Tricia Mullen
Anthony Piscitelli
Robert Press
Julie Reyes
Tracey Shelton
Linda Manning
Andrew Sandler
Patricia Cassiere
Michael Masch
Tamara Rivera
Sina Wadsworth
Byron Schuler

AFFILIATION

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Manhattan College
NYC District Council of Carpenters (NYCDCC)
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Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Committee chair Sergio Villaverde.

1. **Approval of minutes, tabled.**
2. **Agenda amended to permit new business – Presentation by Manhattan College.**
 - CFO Michael Masch regarding local construction. First floor will be open to the public.
 - Will do RFP for store operator.
 - Manhattan College is seeking CB input and thoughts. Chair suggested formally partnering with local businesses to increase benefit to all. All agreed that Economic Development Committee and college will continue discussion.

3. **Equity One Discussion:**

Paul Ellis and Maria Khury presented the outline of the resume referral program. The plan is to encourage local hiring at the project by all contractors.

Chairman reported about local business benefits from the project. The project is designed to encourage patronage of local businesses by the construction companies.

Chair reported that Board Chair, Robert Fanuzzi and Chair met with representatives of Equity one in May of 2013 and all agreed to have the projects benefit local area as much as feasible. It was understood that Equity One was under no obligation to make any such efforts.

Equity One also opened its OSHA training to local community.

4. Riverdale crossing project – issues presented by Trisch Mullen. Robert Press also expressed traffic concerns. Matter will be addressed in other committee and followed up at next EDC meeting.
5. North Riverdale Festival Report presented by merchant and KRVC. Event was rained out. There was still activity and reports that community members and merchants were inquiring about rain date. No rain date for event.

Issue also presented regarding bus routes. Committee chair will invite MTA and District Manager to next EDC meeting to discuss the process. A full report is expected to follow that meeting.

6. **Old business**

- Chairman Sergio Villaverde thanked committee for the excellent work done throughout the year: “This is the finest committee in the Board and I am proud to serve with all of you”.

5. **New Business**

- Construction project on West 238 Street. Merchants are very concerned about the water shut off. This project has serious economic impact and EDC will address with Board office.
- Robert Press requested skating rink report. Matter referred to Board Chair to decide if the follow up will come to EDC or Parks committee.

6. **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting to be determined.

Submitted by Sergio Villaverde
Chair, Economic Development Committee