

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 2, 2012
AT SILHOUETTE RESTAURANT & LOUNGE, 5668 BROADWAY**

PRESENT

Sergio Villaverde
Andy Cohen
Paul Ellis
Robert Fanuzzi
David Kornbluh
Skip Piscitelli
Robert Press
Julie Reyes
Xaxia Sanchez
Katherine Broihier
Michael Berfield
Michael Carey
Mario Curanai
Tony Edwards
Jake Herring
Daniel Johnson
Scott Kirschbaum
Louie Koumoulos
Maria Koumoulos
Keith Mitchell
Jenny E. Morales
Rajiv Patel
Andrew Sandler
Tracy Shelton
Dervedia Thomas
Gulles de Tosellet
Cori Worchel

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Leilas's
Citibank
United Pharmacy
Councilman Koppell
KRVDC
Riverdale Review
Imperial Pharmacy
KRVDC

Meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by Chairperson Sergio Villaverde at Silhouette Restaurant & Lounge.

1. Approval of minutes.

Robert Press **moved** to approve minutes of September 4, 2012, Xaxia Sanchez second. Motion passed by acclamation.

2. Equity One Developer Presentation, Mr. Michael Berfield, and Mr. Michael Carey:

- West 230th Street Site construction to begin late November early December 2013.
- Construction period travel routes discussed. Construction entrances will be via West 230 street
- Stores and tenants to be determined. Lease negotiations require confidentiality.
- Usual Stipulations exist in development agreement with City for MWBE and local hiring.
- Traffic, loading and unloading issue discussed.

- 130 parking spaces estimated available for the community
- Developer will be in dialogue about local jobs with CB 8 and others to maximize employment benefit to community. Equity One committed to working with Community Board and other entities to maximize local job/ economic development. Equity One offered to work with a CB 8 representative on the issue of Jobs and requested CB 8 name a liaison.

3. South Riverdale Merchants

- Riverdale Avenue Festival scheduled December 2, 2012
- Local Merchants and residents presented petition and plans. Local Merchant Mario Curani (owns two businesses in area) expressed local enthusiasm for the project.
- Scott Kirschbaum, community resident and VP of Coop Board 3636 Fieldston Road, also expressed enthusiastic support of project by him and his neighbors.

Motion

- That the Community Board 8 fully supports South Riverdale Avenue festival scheduled for December 2, 2012. Support to include, without limitation, co-sponsoring event if appropriate.

Robert Press moved David Kornbluh Second and Motion passed by acclamation.

4. New Business

- October 12, 2012 is Citi Bank (Staples Mall) third anniversary.
- October 24, 2012 Councilman Rodriguez Town Hall representative.

5. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Next meeting date, location and time to be determined.

Submitted by Sergio Villaverde
Chair, Economic Development Committee