

Business Development Committee Meeting Minutes – CB 12 Manhattan
April 7th 2015 – 7pm

Attendance: Maurice Owen-Michaane, Chair; Felipe Wityk Sánchez; Richard Allman

Other CB12M Members in Attendance: George Fernandez (Chair CB12M)

Absent: Christopher Smith; Martin Restituyo; Rud Morales

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Chair Owen-Michaane

- Maurice Owen-Michaane took a few moments at the start of the meeting to introduce himself as the newly appointed Chair of the Committee, and to welcome everyone
- **Recap of the Small Business Forum:**
 - Chair Owen-Michaane provided a recap of the March 2015 Small Business Forum that was hosted by the CB12M Business Development Committee
 - We had approximately 60-70 people in attendance
 - We had several State/City agencies speak and present, including: SLA, DCA, DOH, SBS & DOL
 - We had several community organizations present/speak as well, including: Accion & Columbia Harlem Small Business Program
 - The forum was a great success, and many who attended had positive feedback, and encouraged the committee to host this on an annual basis, as a means to provide continued community discussion
- **Presentation by Washington Heights Broadway BID**
 - Maximo Jaiver, a consultant for the Washington Heights Broadway BID, made a presentation about the proposed BID
 - Discussion ensued for about 45mins regarding the details and logistics of the BID
 - Several members of the committee/CB asked questions regarding the BID, including a timeline of when the BID would be in place, how long as the steering committee been in place

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- The BID had initially wanted CB12M to provide a letter of support, but upon questions from the committee, including CB12M Chair Fernandez, Mr. Javier mentioned they would be submitting their BID application to the City agencies this coming fall, and that after that they would return to CB12M for a possible letter of support
- Mr. Jaiver said he would return to the committee in May 2015 to present further on the BID
- **New Business**
 - A Jobs Fair/Resources Fair was discussed for a possible June timeline
 - The Jobs Fair has been in discussion by the committee for several months as the next event after the Small Business Forum
 - A consensus was reached to go forward with the Jobs Fair in June
 - It was agreed that discussion of logistics/planning for the Jobs Fair will be on going via communications between committee members and the next committee meeting
- **Meeting adjourned at 9pm**