

**Business Development Committee Meeting Minutes – CB 12 Manhattan
January 6th – 7pm**

Attendance: Jason Miller, Chair; Maurice Owen-Michaane; Felipe Wityk Sánchez;
Martin Restituyo

Absent: Christopher Smith, Rud Morales, Richard Allman

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Chairman Miller

- Chair Miller welcomes everyone
- At the start of the meeting we did not have quorum, but Mr. Restituyo arrived at 745pm, and the committee then had quorum
- **Small Business Owner Brainstorm Segment**
 - As a committee we discussed possible date/times for the forum, and agreed on either 3/3/15 or 3/10/15 and the event would take place at Isabella Center if they had space on those two dates (*it was later confirmed after the meeting we will be holding the event at Isabella on 3/3/15 from 9-Noon*)
 - The committee discussed for about 35 minutes various ideas/formats and topics for the Small Business Forum
 - It was agreed by the committee the preliminary format and topics for the forum would be as follows:
 - 3 – 40-45 min panels with several guest speakers/organizations, and having those speakers/organizations set up a table/booth at the back of the room so as the public can speak with them when each panel is complete
 - 3 panels to be as follows/include:
 1. SLA, DOL, NMIC & DCA
 2. SBS, Columbia University Small Business Project, Accion, MWBE
 3. Family Value, pick & eat, Luis Miranda, Cirrilo
 - It was agreed the event would take place from 9-Noon, with setup before and after
 - Maurice agreed to begin working on the PR component of the event; Felipe and Jason agreed to begin reaching out to various panelists to get them to commit to attend
 - Committee agreed is the goal of the Small Business Forum to showcase successful small-businesses in our community, and encourage others to find the resources/information they need to replicate that success, and by having the diverse panel this would be a great first start
- **Old Business: Job Fair Discussion**
 - This item was tabled as current efforts will be focused on the Small Business Forum
- **Meeting adjourned at 840pm**