

**Business Development Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**CB 12 Manhattan**  
**Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

**ATTENDING:** Maurice Owen-Michaane (Chair), Richard Allman, Felipe Wityk Sanchez

**Board Member:** Priscilla Mota-Willis

**ABSENT:** Rud Morales, Christopher Smith, Martin Restituyo

**Public:** Maximo Javier; Tracee Williams; Jean-Claude Cantave; Joel

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. Chair Owen-Michaane introduced himself, and had everyone on the committee introduce themselves, and welcomed the public to the meeting**
- 2. Maximo Javier of Community League of the Heights (CLOTH) gave a brief follow up on last month's presentation of the proposed Washington Heights Broadway Business Improvement District (BID)**
  - The Committee discussed the BID survey tracking spreadsheet and the percentage of responses from Commercial, Residential & Exempt constituents and the weight of voting authority given to each entity for the BID approval.
  - The Committee discussed the BID Formation Process Timeline, and the public hearings that CB12 is being asked to attend (planned for July and August 2105).
  - Chair Owen-Michaane explained CB12 at-large is in summer recess, so BID's timeline would have to be adjusted if they wanted the CB to formally attend
- 3. The Committee discussed the JOB's FAIR: Thursday, June 18, at Isabella Geriatric Center from 10AM-1PM**
  - The Job Fair is being sponsored/produced by CB12, and CO-hosted by Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, State Senator Espaillat's office, and Manhattan Borough President Brewer's Office among others, more co-hosts will be announced
  - The Job Fair will be set up in a horseshoe layout where representatives will have table/booths with employment readiness resources and available jobs,
  - The CB12 District Manager has been and will be in contact with several NYC city agencies as well as local large employers, and community based organizations to get their participation in the Job's Fair

- Richard Allman will contact the DCA, and the hospitality and service industry representatives that he has relationships with
- Chair Owen-Michaane has been in contact with several private sector employers in the area, and is in contact with NIMIC to help provide the resources end of the fair
- Chair Owen-Michaane has been in contact with Liz Ritter from the Senator's Office regarding getting the PA to participate
- CB12M Chair George Fernandez has sent an invitation out to all elected officials in our area to participate as co-hosts
- Felipe Wityk Sanchez will create the draft flyer for the event,

**4. The Committee discussed the vacant CB12M seat on the Washington Heights BID**

- Committee member Richard Allman expressed an interest in being the CB12 representative
- Chair Owen-Michaane thanked everyone for their input and said he would discuss with the CB12M Chair

**5. The Committee discussed NYC City Council legislation to prohibit a credit checks on those seeking employment in NYC except under certain circumstances**

- There was good debate on both sides of the issue, with valid points pro and con
- The Committee will keep track of the issue

**6. The next meeting is JOB FAIR: Thursday, June 18, at Isabella Geriatric Center from 10AM-1PM**

- This will be the last scheduled meeting for the season until September 2015 as the CB;'s go into summer recess

**7. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM**