

**Committee Board 12- Manhattan
Business Development- Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2019**

Committee Members Present

Eleazar Bueno, Chair
Sara Fisher
Debbie Nabavia
Bruce Robertson
Waldys Suero
Tanya Bonner
Rud Morales

Members Absent

Matthew Levy

Guest Speaker: Laura Acosta, Executive Director, Juan Pablo Duarte Foundation.

Meeting is called to order at 7:02 pm

Ms. Acosta started her presentation by talking about the history of the JPD Foundation and the just inaugurated Community Space. The Organization as she stated has been serving the community for over 20 years. It organizes and runs the biggest Latino festival in Washington Heights.

Its original mission statement was primarily directed to the development and education of the youth in Washington Heights. As time and needs changed, the environment of the space in the Port Authority terminal has forced JPD foundation to expand its realm of services, according to what Ms. Acosta said. The new space will serve, she says, as a space for all community organizations, small businesses, local artists and more to use the space as a platform to expose their immediate needs.

The calendar of events is posted on their website JPDfoundation.org. Here you will find the function of the foundation as a hub for Census2020 to run their operation from there, small businesses job fairs and the new Port Authority Job Procurement on December 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.