

## **BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #1**

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## MUNICIPAL SERVICES

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## THIRD AVENUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Mr. Michael Brady, Executive Director said that we would like to rename Westchester Avenue (150th Street) and Third Avenue to Richard Propper Way.

Mr. Propper founded and Board President of the Third Avenue Business Improvement District (BID) in 1983 and was incorporated in 1988, it's the oldest BID in the Bronx. The BID is a public and private partnership funded by area property owners. Some of the services provided are small business development, anti-displacement programs, economic development, real estate advisory services, street scape improvements, supplemental sanitation, and advocacy.

He was a small business owner his first shop was located on Westchester and Third Avenues and later becoming a property owner on Third Avenue. He was a staunch advocate for small businesses and served on the NYC BID Association's Retail Advisory Board and a pioneer for re-conceptualizing the role of retail during the decline of the Bronx. During the economic downturn he encouraged property owners to invest in the neighborhood.

Legislation he wrote was passed in New York State to increase oversight and reshape the purpose of business improvement districts. He created a scholarship fund for area residents to go to college.

**Questions and Comments** 

The Chairperson called for motion to adjourn.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.