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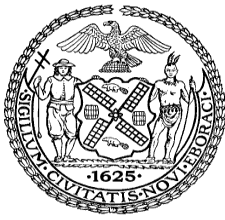
HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON., BOROUGH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MARTINEZ, CHAIRPERSON ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

HOUSING, LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chair:	Erick Ascencio
Meeting Date:	May 10, 2022
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/1AgYAjcrwU4
Members In Attendance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erick Ascencio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myrna Calderon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandra Erickson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mahbubur Jewel <input type="checkbox"/> Helene Redd
Minutes done by:	Erick Ascencio

Minutes: (please click on active links for more information)

- I. Meeting was started at 6:40 pm by reading the Meeting Guidelines as establish by the Governor’s executive order and review of Agenda.
- II. **Introductions and Attendance:** Quorum was met.
- III. **Review of previous minutes from** April 2022 were reviewed and approved.
- IV. **Follow-up from previous month**
- V. **New Business**
 - A. **Fordham BID Updates**
 1. Albert Dalpi from the Fordham BID presented the preliminary findings of a study on the Commercial District Needs Assessment, (CDNA) conducted along the 5 major commercial corridors in the area, such as, Fordham Road and Webster Avenue.
 2. The study included surveying about 712 total merchants, 300 of which are part of the BID, regarding the type of store, vacancies, and their needs.
 3. The study found that safety and sanitation are the two major concerns for both merchants and consumers, who for the most part are local residents. To this extent, the BID who provides cleaning services for
 4. The area is considering expanding the hours of the cleaning crews or a patrol team to prompt more safety precautions.



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5. The study also found that customers would like more full-service restaurants in the area.
6. The Fordham BID will conduct a survey of the street vendors along with the Street Vendor Project.
7. Members of the board suggested that the West Fordham Road area should be adopted into the BID.
8. [Link to presentation](#)

B. Bronx NHS Updates

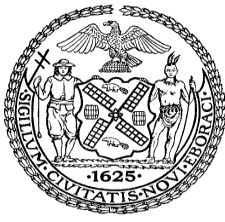
1. Courtney Wicker from NHS presented the services, grants and education available to:
 - First home buyers, with Pre-Purchase Counseling.
 - Existing homeowners with counseling to retain homeownership.
 - Home repairs loans and grants.
2. Information Webinar Presentation
3. [Registration Flyer for Homeowners & Homebuyers](#)

C. Northwest Bronx Clergy Coalition Updates

1. Sandra Lobo, from the NWBCC presented the organization's vision and ongoing meetings with elected officials about the future of the Kingsbridge Armory.
2. Presentation on Kingsbridge Armory Vision

D. Rent Increase Updates

1. Sandra Erickson, spoke about the recently proposed rent increases to Rent Stabilized apartment.
2. The rent increases are as follows:
 - 2%-4% for one-year lease
 - 4%-6% for two-year leases
3. Andrew stated that 82.6% of residents in CB7 reside in rent stabilized apartments.
4. Hearing to be held at Hostos Community College on June 15th



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5. Members of the board and attendees mentioned that building insurances have recently tripled, as well as, the increases in the utilities.
6. DEP will hold hearings about their proposed rate increases on May 25th and May 26th.

E. ERAP Updates

1. Sandra Erickson, announced that additional ERAP funding is available, but all applications are still pending.

F. Fordham Landing Updates

1. Geeth from DCP informed the committee that a Pre-Application Statement (PAS) application for 320 West Fordham Road has been filed for the lot south of the 207th Street Bridge.

G. CCHR Updates

Orlando Torres, Director of the Bronx Office

NYC Commission on Human Rights

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H. HPD Updates (s) (If applicable)

I. DCP Update (s) (If applicable)

J. DOB Updates (s) (If applicable)

VI. Next meeting date: Tuesday, June 13, 2022, at 6:30pm via zoom

VII. Discussion on next agenda:

- A. Discussion on the Kingsbridge Armory
- B. Presentation from DSNY about Waste Management Requirement
- C. Presentation from NYBG on their projects on Webster Avenue

VIII. Adjournment