



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager: William Rivera

Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee Meeting Summary September 8, 2025

Committee Members Present: Mitchell Halpern, Twywana Bush, Ahmat Jallo, Alizia McMyers, Andrea McLeod, Kevin Kiernan, Kristine Garcia, Shereese Trumpet

Committee Description: The Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee represents the community's interests with regard to the use of land, zoning, landmark, building, etc. and acts as a liaison between community members and Department of City Planning, Department of Buildings & the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

I. Speakers

A. MarySol Rodriguez, Distinctive Public Affairs

- Ms. Rodriguez shared DPA efforts in community outreach regarding the new BJ's development.
 - DPA met with tenants' association, residents, and business owners.
 - There were concerns that there is not enough space for adequate parking for a wholesale store like BJs.
 - This would increase traffic concerns which would potentially be a danger to pedestrians, especially seniors and children.
 - There were additional concerns about being a 100% union to the workforce.
- The community shared the following concerns:
 - BJs, Chipotle, and Chick-fil-a raises the risk of more people coming into the community and potentially posing a threat to the safety.

II. New Business

- A. The following outline community concerns about new development in the district:
 - In regard to the new Chick-fil-A and Chipotle:
 - People would prefer to have access to healthier food options.
 - There were also concerns about the drive-thru being a hazard for pedestrians.
 - In regard to the new Lafayette Estate Development:
 - Current residents are unhappy with Lafayette Estates management of their current building and worry that two new developments will potentially exacerbate the already bad conditions that they're facing and pose new problems for future tenants of the new buildings.
 - Additionally, green space has been destroyed to make space for a parking lot that still does not have a sufficient number of spaces for the tenants.
 - The community asked what are the next steps?
 - DM Rivera stated that he will forward any emails that he receives to elected officials and city agencies.
 - The community also asked how they can be more involved?
 - BM Bush suggested that they come to the General Board meetings throughout the year happening every third Thursday of the month.

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