



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES FROM Wednesday, May 13, 2009

- CB 7 Office – 229A East 204th Street, Bronx, NY 10458
 - Meeting called to order at 6:35pm. – attendance sheet on file – Quorum established.
 - Also present were Richard Guether, City Planning, Bronx office, Timmy Campbell, Business Agent Local 79, Andrew Barnes, EDC, several members of KARA and other community attendees (see sign-in sheet)
- I) Committee chair called the meeting to order. Board Chair, Greg Faulkner reported to the committee as follows:
- II) Greg Faulkner On Friday, May 8th, the Executive Committee of CB7 met with Boro President Ruben Diaz and members of his staff to discuss the Kingsbridge Armory project. The dialogue was substantive and focused on the Community Board's effort to formulate a Community Benefits Agreement with Related, the developer. Mr. Diaz concurred with the Executive committee on the need for a CBA and requested that the CB work closely with his Deputy on this important initiative. The Land Use Chair indicated that in order to craft a balanced document that represents the voices of stake holders, an Advisory panel would be formed as an extension of Land Use and Zoning to advise the process. The ULURP process is about to begin on May 18th and we have a limited amount of time between now and our last meeting in June to secure a CBA.
- III) Timmy Campbell indicated that he attended the meeting with KARA at the Borough President's office and stated his argument in support of living wage as a part of the CBA.
- IV) The committee chair gave PowerPoint presentations on the World Peace Atrium concept and the Career and Technology Center along with a PowerPoint presentation by Fernando Tirado which focused on housing, parks/public space, environment, transportation, labor and workforce development, economic development and community space to be considered as key components for inclusion in the CBA. Education committee chair, Paul Foster informed the committee via a message that a music enrichment and reading program should be developed and implemented to serve the area's student population. Barbara suggested that a similar program exists at Lincoln Center and that we might want to look at that model as a reference. A spirited discussion ensued which covered a variety of topics including, living wage jobs, healthy food provision for the community, recreation, education, etc.
- V) Greg made a motion to bring the World Peace Atrium, Career and Technology Center, CBA document prepared by Fernando and distributed to the entire board, music and reading enrichment program as components for the CBA to the general board. The committee voted unanimously in agreement.
- VI) Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm