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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 9th, 2009 @ 6:30 PM

- CB 7 Office – 229A East 204th Street, Bronx, NY 10458
 - Meeting called to order at 6:40pm. – Attendance sheet on file – Quorum established.
- I) Committee chair called the meeting to order by thanking the CB members for their hard work, great ideas and candor during the 4 years since the RFP and during the Kingsbridge Armory ULURP process.
- II) CB 7 Chair, Greg Faulkner: Greg indicated that Borough President Diaz called to thank the CB for our efforts, stating that we did an exemplary job. He also received a call from the head of EDC expressing gratitude to the Board for our performance Greg also suggested that Related should move the forward to survey the community on concerns emerging from the ULURP process.
- III) District Manager, Fernando Tirado:
- A) Fernando suggested that a letter of support be sent to City Planning on the Fresh Food Initiative.
 - B) He received an e-mail from the Botanical Garden requesting a letter of support for the garage project, in which they are seeking a \$7 million grant.
 - C) The City Planning request was agreed upon, however, Greg suggested that the Botanical Garden should be asked to increase parking spaces set aside for the community, and must agree to this condition before a letter of support is issued.
- IV) Richard Geuther, City Planning:
- A) Richard reported that City Planning was very impressed with the terrific job CB7 undertook with the Armory and that a hearing was held today in which 23 people signed up to speak and 21 spoke. First to speak was Related, then Morton Williams, KARA, etc. He further stated that each side seemed to take CB7's position to vote yes with conditions, but indicated they will scrutinize the conditions very seriously and discuss vigorously in the coming month. City Planning will render their vote on October 19th.
 - B) Richard reported on the Webster Ave. re-zoning: City Planning hired a consultant who is currently conducting a full environmental study. City Planning is doing a development scenario including surveying existing businesses and properties on Webster with an eye on "soft sites"...those that are most likely to be developed in the next ten years. The ULURP on Webster begins January – February of next year.
- V) Barbara asked Richard to attend the hearing at Fordham University on September 23rd, regarding the proposed closing of the US post office on Webster Avenue.
- VI) Greg suggested that we look seriously at the parcels of land at Fordham Landing and form a subcommittee to facilitate a 197C plan for the water front, which is already a part of the 2030 mayor's plan.
- VII) Fernando spoke to a representative from Columbia University about a planning studio program and that they might be interested in working with us on concept plan for either the waterfront, Armory or the library. He also indicated that the Post Graduate Center did not yet respond to a letter written over the summer addressing a number of issues inherent in their project at Bedford Blvd. and the Grand Concourse.



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- VIII) Ozzie Brown reported that the Construction Management Building Blocks training course was being offered free of cost to MWBEs and Bronx residents at BCC and that approximately 40 participants have enrolled. The program is collaboration is between BCC, Skanska, BOEDC and CB 7.
- IX) Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.