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LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 13, 2008

- CB 7 Office – 229A East 204th Street, Bronx, NY 10458
- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. – Attendance sheet on file – Quorum established.
- Also present were: Michael Stanton, transit worker; Eric Tolbert, candidate for masters degree, Urban Planning, Richard Guether, City Planning, Bronx 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

Mr. Faulkner attended a meeting with NY Economic Development Corporation and councilwoman, Maria Baez at City Hall. Discussions focused on forming a preliminary task force for the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Association. One of the Task Force's responsibilities would be to do contract compliance in accordance to the RFP. Our challenge is to identify as a Board, the elements of a community benefits agreement. Mr. Faulkner plans to invite the armory developer to meet with the community board.

Andy Laiosa inquired about who would be responsible for creating a community benefits agreement.

Mr. Faulkner indicated that in the past a coalition developed agreement. There are legal pitfalls. The CB is a city agency and cannot be signatory to a legal agreement. Greg has been asked to head the task force and is currently vetting this proposition.

The following ideas are being contemplated: The creation of a heritage fund for the community board; Old library to be developed as a youth center.

III. The committee chair recognized Mr. Michael Stanton, a local resident who is a transit worker and leader in the Transit Union for 10 years. Mr. Stanton is contemplating an invitation to be an adjunct member of the Land Use committee.



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IV. Fernando Tirado

Fernando and Ozzie participated in a one day "Livable Neighborhoods" seminar and workshop at Hunter College sponsored by The Municipal Arts Society on Sat. May 10th, focusing on zoning, ULURP, 197A and 197C planning, etc. The West Harlem and Atlantic Yard developments were insightful elements discussed and it was noted that West Harlem was able to structure a memorandum of agreement with the developer.

V. 197A and 197C

Andy Laiosa suggested that we approach City Planning with a series of 197C plans.

Greg suggested that we form a sub-committee to tour our community board, gather information and formulate a paper on 197C plans. A tour is being organized for mid June by members of the Land Use Committee.

Richard Guether from City Planning will be making a preliminary presentation on the 197C plan for Webster Avenue at the next Land Use meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and the next committee meeting is set for Tuesday June 24th at 6:30 pm at CB7 office.