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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 30th, 2008

- 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 a contingent of approximately 22 Columbia University graduate students, Carol Samol and Richard Guether, City Planning, Bronx office 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. Chairperson's Report
 - A. The Armory Scoping Session to be held at the Bronx Library on Thursday October 2 at 6:30pm at which elected officials, CB7 members and the community at large will speak about the EIS driven by issues related to transportation concerns, impact on existing businesses, community benefits agreement, etc.
 - B. The DEP has decided not to do surface blasting at the proposed construction at the Jerome Reservoir but might do underground blasting. A major concern is the rodent infestation.
 - III. District Manager's Report
 - A. Data from US Census Bureau on unemployment in the 10468 zip code which is more than double that of the national average, especially among males in the 20-24 age range.
 - B. Borough President Carrion wrote a letter (on file) to Mayor Bloomberg regarding expanding of waterfront access along the Harlem River at the Fordham Landing site. This would enable the introduction of a water taxi service in the area.
 - IV. Land Use Chair Report
 - A. Report on the free Construction Building Blocks course currently in session at Bronx Community College which has more than 40 participants.
 - B. CB7's gift of 100 recorders for music program at PS 56.
 - C. Meeting with Related regarding modification of the interior build out design of the Armory.
 - D. More committee members needed to meet with Related and participate in a future tour of the Armory.
 - E. Vision for Armory – emphasizing programming community space with programs that will enrich the lives of residents...with emphasis on youth and family initiatives around the areas of education, health, diet, culture, the arts, technology, etc.



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- F. Webster Corridor – a tour is being scheduled for Monday, Oct 6th at 9:00am with Greg, Paul, Fernando, Ozzie and Richard from City Planning.
- G. Ozzie recognized graduate students from Columbia University and Ms. Desiree Fisher was designated as liaison to the board. An invitation was extended for her to join the Land Use committee as an adjunct member.
- V. The Committee Chair recognized Richard Geuther and Carl Samol from City Planning on the Webster Avenue Rezoning Plan
 - A. The goal for re-zoning is to foster residential development without putting burden on existing infrastructure.
 - B. In view of the fact that the presentation was replete with zoning language and nomenclature, the Committee Chair requested a narrative from Richard for distribution to committee members for review and response. Richard promised to make this document available.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm and the next committee meeting is set for Tuesday October 14th at 6:00 pm at CB7 office.