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COMMUNITY RELATIONS & LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Saturday, April 23, 2016

- I. At our final Bedford Park Livable workshop on April 23rd, local residents, stakeholders, businesses, and leaders discussed the neighborhood's creative and cultural strengths, assets, needs, and vulnerabilities through a survey mapping exercise, and local walking tours
- II. We also discussed the results of the commercial revitalization surveys that workshop participants completed. Across the board, the surveys revealed that there is a need to diversify the stores along the 198th and 196th Streets commercial corridors, improved streetscape, and implement safety measures. Our outreach revealed that merchants are interested in learning more about the services the NYC Department of Small Business Services offers to merchants in addition to starting a merchants association
- III. Our goal with these workshops was to give the community a taste of what urban planning and community visioning is all about to empower residents with the information they need to become more civically engaged. Another goal was to set the stage to bring a formal urban planning/visioning process to Community Board 7 in an effort to keep engaging the community to understand the changes they would like to see in throughout the district
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