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### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## COMMUNITY RELATIONS / LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

**Wednesday, October 8, 2014 @ 6:30 PM**

- I. Plans to re-vamp CB7's Long Term Planning Vision:
  - A. Harlem River studies sponsored by NYU/Columbia as the waterfront is concerned
  - B. Review Moshulu Preservation Corporation master plan that discusses acquiring air rights over the train tracks
  - C. Development plan for superblocs at Gunhill/Webster Avenue
    1. The Committee should contact Dart Westphal about the MPC and Superblock plans
  - D. Bedford Park Green Initiative
  - E. Regatta Park plan that created waterfront access via the Croton Filtration Plant
- II. Other points that were discussed:
  - A. Shawn Brede from the Bronx DCP office will be coming to our meeting in November to discuss the resources DCP has in place to do community based planning
  - B. Explore the connection between environmental impacts and real estate development to protect the community from unintended environmental consequences
  - C. Explore resiliency and development
  - D. Welcome mixed income housing in the community
  - E. Have community events that foster better quality of life
  - F. Stabilize community economically, as new development opportunities come up, link residents to better job opportunities
  - G. As jobs are concerned, be on the lookout for emerging, high paying and diverse industries to bring to our community, increase opportunities for residents to have access to civil service exams, talk to the Department of Labor's Workforce 1 PILOT program that has been coming to the CB7 office on Fridays about this, and invite elected officials to these discussions so they can address this need. The Committee may want to reach out to NYC Small Business Services, BOEDC, and the Bronx Chamber of Commerce about this, too
  - H. Create more BIDS and Merchant's Associations to support local businesses
  - I. Dog waste is a huge problem in our community, make DSNY's adopt a basket program more widespread
  - J. Centralize existing resources/directory on the CB7 website, increase CB7's presence on Facebook and Twitter. As a committee, we need to work hand in hand with CB7's website committee
  - K. Provide opportunities for communities to be civically engaged, assist in demystifying the development process
- III. Guest:
  - A. Fernando Tirado, Lehman College SBDC:



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1. Mr. Tirado does entrepreneurial trainings, offered to discuss economic development tools at next month's meeting
  2. As the former DM of CB7, Tirado knows of many master plans that have come to CB7.
  3. A question was raised; The Committee wondered if they should we invite Mr. Tirado to the next meeting so that he can give the Committee an overview of all of the plans he knows of for review purposes
- B. We need to tell the CB7 public safety committee and the 52nd precinct council about our LTP meetings so that they can give us their long term visions especially in light of the gun shooting that just happened near the CB7 office. Make it a point to attend their next committee meeting
- IV. Meeting adjourned