



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK

## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

## Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 6:30PM

#### I. Business District Concerns

- A. Neither of the Business Improvement Districts were able to attend due to schedule conflicts. The District Manager reported that the main concern raised by the BIDs has been sanitation, as the last pick-up happens early in the afternoon and garbage accumulates before the next pick-up the next morning.
- B. There has also been an issue about the appropriate locations for Green Carts on Fordham Road. The District Manager reported on a recent meeting where the various stakeholders worked toward a resolution whereby sites would be identified that did not compete with grocery stores and offered the Green Carts significant foot traffic.

#### II. Overcharging at Neighborhood Stores

- A. The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) recently announced that it had identified a citywide problem of supermarket violations, and two instances of overcharging by a local supermarket had previously been documented and reported to DCA by the Chair. DCA is overdue in responding to the complaints, and the Chair and District Manager will follow up with DCA about the open complaints and generally monitor conditions in the district.

#### III. Neighborhood Economic Resources Survey

- A. The Committee discussed the data collected by the Community Board's project, and the District Manager presented graphics he has prepared for some of the data. The Chair will present some of the data to the General Board, and recommend that the Chair and/or the District Manager present the data at the North Bronx Economic Development Summit on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### IV. Committee Goals

- A. The Economic Development Committee will balance three goals:
- B. Meeting resident needs
- C. Supporting existing businesses
- D. Promoting new businesses that provide quality jobs
- E. The committee will also strive to build working partnerships with the institutions around the district to attract more customers for local businesses and improve the quality of the shopping and dining options for local customers and visitors.

#### V. Other Discussion

- A. There was also discussion about the general lack of quality hotels in the Bronx, the future of automotive services, and identifying opportunities for businesses to provide recreational/fitness opportunities for local youths.
- B. The Webster Avenue rezoning could provide an opportunity to pursue many of the issues identified by the Committee as it moves from the land use process to attracting developers.

#### VI. Meeting adjourned