



Chairman Nicholas Himidian & District Manager William Rivera

Land & Zoning Committee Meeting **Minutes**

April 9th, 2018

Meeting Location: BRONX CB9 OFFICE

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Mohammed N. Mujumder, Sarwar Jahan, Cruz Garcia, Daniel Porro, DM Rivera

Introduction

- A. Committee Chair, Board Members & Guest
- B. The Land, Zoning, Planning Committee represents the community's interests with regard to the use of land, zoning, landmark, building, etc. and acts as a liaison between community members and Department of City Planning, Department of Buildings & the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

New Business

A. Solar PV Project at 1150 Commerce Ave

As per DM Rivera DCAS has an obligation to notify us when they are going to install solar panels in a location within the district. As a result, we were informed of this solar photovoltaic installation project on the roof of a city building at 1150 Commerce Avenue. Print out of notice was distributed to participants at meeting.

As per DM Rivera, Canadian Solar will be the business providing this service.

As per Walter Nestler: Is the mayor's office taking recommendations on locations for installation of these? How about installing one in every DOB building, also possibly by the ferry landing?

DM Rivera agreed to contact email in notice about suggestions discussed.

As per DM Rivera, ADM Alonzo should add this notice to social media to inform constituents of installation.

As per DM Rivera, EDC is coming to our Parks Committee Meeting tomorrow to discuss the ferry. The agenda for this meeting was shared the day before the meeting so that people are aware to attend.

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As per DM Rivera at tomorrow's meeting they will discuss location of the big meeting to let people know when the ferry will launch. Additionally, as per DM Rivera, EDC confirmed that the bus will be able to come around at the end.

As per Walter Nestler, will Parks rep be in attendance at this community meeting?

As per DM Rivera, we would like them to come.

As per Joan Barnes, did EDC have the press conference?

As per DM Rivera, they hosted it today with a few electeds.

As per DM Rivera, Hope House Strategy Meeting will take place next month. City Planning will be invited. It will tentatively take place on May 4th at 5:30pm.

Danny Porro: In Parkchester they are doing the streets, do we have any information on when they will be fixed?

As per DM Rivera, we have no idea because we asked DOT for a re-milling schedule and have yet to receive one.

The work on Parkchester was recommended so at least, as per DM Rivera, DOT is going with our recommendation on this.

Walter Nestler: In regards to the charter school presentation at the last Land & Zoning meeting, was brochure left behind?

It was not as per ADM Alonzo. She will follow-up with representative to obtain it for distribution.

As per Walter Nestler, regarding the Unionport Bridge drawbridge project, there was mention of a traffic agent on Zerega specifically at a previous meeting, what is the status on this? They have accommodated traffic agents on Westchester at another project by Hutchinson River so this has been done in the past.

As per DM Rivera, we will reach out to DDC representative in regards to traffic agents for this project on Zerega.

As per Joan Barnes, that also impacts Bruckner Traffic during rush hours in the morning.

As per Walter Nestler, another agent by where the Whitestone movie theater used to be would be ideal as well.

Notices

A. DOB Notices

DOB Construction Notices are included in agenda. DM Rivera requested ADM Alonzo include committee agendas in General Board Meeting packets so that notices are shared with all board members.

Notices have been applied to agendas so that everyone is aware of these projects. If there are any questions regarding any of these notices, as per DM Rivera, please feel free to contact District.

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Speakers

A. John Garmendi, BSA 85-99 BZ

Mr. Garmendi presented on BSA Application on 85-99 BZ regarding the gas station at 1106 MetCalf Ave (and Watson) leased by Mobile Corporation. They are looking to extend their term of variance from 20 years ago for another 10 years to be allowed to keep gas station in an R6 zoning district. They are also asking to file a year early to proceed with work from DOB and BSA.

As per Committee Chair, Mujumder, are there any alteration changes?

As per rep, No, but they never got CofO finished which was a condition of the prior variance so the business hired us to fix that

As per Walter Nestler, there are not that many gas stations in that neighborhood, he would suggest supporting the application. Is there any environmental investigation involved in terms of the quality of the tanks? Gas stations do have leaking tanks and it becomes a matter of concern

As per rep, they do have an NYSDC Certificate that expires in 2020 that is active in regards to the status of the tanks and there has been no spilling in the last 10 years.

As per BM Sarwar there are a limited number of gas stations to choose from.

There was no objections from the board. BSA was voted to go to general board. DM has no issues with it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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