

Chairman: Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager: William Rivera

## Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee Meeting Summary

March 8, 2021
Chair: Mohammad Mujumder
Vice Chair: Mitchell Halpern

Board Members Present: Twywana Bush, Mohammad Mujumder, Mitchell Halpern, DM

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**Committee Description:** The Land & Zoning, Economic Development & 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.

## 2. New Business

MAS Seeking Partners for 2021 Livable Neighborhoods Program (LNP)https://www.mas.org/initiatives/livable-neighborhoods-program/-

## **Old Business**

A.BSA 300 Soundview Ave- Simon spoke in regard to possible laundromat at 300 Soundview Avenue, he stated that this will provide a clean new establishment for citizens of the Bronx. Simon stated that the price is affordable, he also advises residents to visit current location at 1746 Lafayette Avenue to get a feel of how their business is conducted. The laundromat would not be open 24 hours, it will be open until 8pm or 9pm. Drop off service is provided. DM Rivera stated that he spoke to someone from existing laundromat, documentation was shown and numerous petitions. DM Rivera also stated that the Attorney for 300 Soundview Avenue stated that, this is a good option in a zoning perspective because it is a residential area. DM Rivera also stated that this is a challenging location. BM Mohammad asked how many jobs this business would have, and Simon stated that their other laundromat has about 6-8 employees. What would differentiate this laundromat from other laundromats is that there will be parking, and more machines will be provided. The laundromat will be brand new, will have a sink for people to wash hands and male and female bathrooms. DM Rivera stated that committee members should speak to him and BM Mitchell so they can show documentation that they have based on what the current laundromat is offering. BM Mitchell stated that this is something he would like to table for the Executive Committee.

**B.1985** Bruckner Blvd Proposed Zoning Change- John Morales, from benchmark design builders stated that this project is proposing zoning change for 1985 Bruckner Boulevard, that is currently being used as truck facility. Mr.Morales stated that benchmark design is looking to develop 60 units with first floor being commercial, other units 1-3 bedrooms and underground parking for tenants (about 20-29 spaces). Mr.Morales stated that the project is not a major impact to community but impacting community by creating housing. This project will eventually be presented by city planning. Mr.Morales stated that the fundamental reason of presentation is to give the community board a heads up. BM Twyana asked Mr.Morales if this development is NYC housing connect and Mr.Morales stated that they will be dealing with HPD. DM Rivera stated that he will send this presentation to the board members and that a community space will be greatly appreciated. DM Rivera also stated that this property will be a ULURP and will come to the committee and general board. Mr.Morales stated that about 43% is completed on the ULURP package that will go to city planning.

Meeting adjourned: 8:25 PM