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Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee Meeting Summary October 16, 2023

Board Members Present: Mitchell Halpern, Twywana Bush, Ahmat Jallo, Alizia McMyers, Andrea McLeod, Kristine Garcia

I. Introduction

A. 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.

I. New Business

A. November Agenda Items

Metro-North Penn Station Access to present in Nov.

Committee suggestions for this project include:

- 2 Fare Transfers
- Connection Stop at Harlem
- Taxi Lane
- Traffic Enforcement for Double Parked Cars
- E-Scooter Stations
- Access to Additional Parking
- Affordable Housing/Homeownership Opportunities in the area
- Community/Green Spaces
- Media Ads targeting courteous traffic behavior

B. Additional Regulations needed for E-Scooters, e-scooter stations/provisions to be added to Committee's Developer's Checklist

C. The Government should provide tax incentives for the revitalization of zombie properties/lots/distressed properties in the district. Are there any local banks that finance distressed properties: construction loans that turn to property loans?
Committee to invite the Community Land Trust to present again as a follow-up of this topic.

CB9 to follow-up with local banks such as Ponce de Leon on this concept.

CB9 to invite banks with local branches to potential future meetings.

D. Reimaging the Cross Bronx Project survey and overview can be accessed at:
nyc.gov/CrossBronx

Several Cross Bronx Guided Tours had to be rescheduled due to weather. The Parkchester, Unionport Tour scheduled for the 7th was rescheduled to October 21st at 10am, meeting point: Hugh J. Grant Circle.

The community would like to see more trees and greenway instead of additional roadway here.

E. Aldi's Supermarket is scheduled to open October 19th at 9am.

- F. CB9 to conduct outreach to local media outlets for advertising of meeting calendar, i.e. Bronx Net, Bronx Times
CB9 to create Who, What, When and Where Informational Sheet with QR Code for wide distribution at local businesses. Board members to potentially assist in the wide distribution of these sheets.
- G. CB9 to contact the NYU Furman Center regarding potential data sets as they relate to District 9, specifically zombie properties.

1. DM Report

- A. Several scams have been reported in the area including a Robert Jackson scam with a link to fill out a form to receive a stimulus supplement. EBT/Credit Card Machine Skimming is also at large.
- B. Joining meetings remotely may prove to be a challenge as hybrid meetings are regulated by the Open Meetings Law which does not allow for virtual Board Members attendance to be counted for quorum. In addition, members who are logged in remotely cannot be muted as to just listen in and must be allowed to participate same as in person participants which can provide difficult given the limited staffing at Community Boards.

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