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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Attendance sheet in file:
 - A. Committee Members in attendance include Eleanor Lundeen (Committee Chair), Fidel Gomez
 - B. Board Members in attendance include Adaline Walker-Santiago, Samelys Lopez
 - C. Guest in attendance included Marcia Cameron, Sheila Sanchez, Anthony Riviuccio, Juan Antigua (Councilmember Torres), Daniel Bernstein (Fordham BID), David Rose (Fordham BID), Capt. Kirabol and Capt. Dinoia (52nd Pct.)
- II. Street Vendors:
 - A. The topic of this agenda was a proposal to the New York City Council by the Urban Justice Center to expand permits for street vendors
- III. Comments from the Fordam BID representatives:
 - A. A dialogue is needed between all interests, not just the city and vendors. The city has and is changing with new uses of space. Of particular concern are pedestrian spaces re safety, the handicapped and the elderly
 - B. Use of retail space is being impacted by high rents, limited enforcement of regulations of current vendors, and expansion of green vendors
 - C. Lifting the Ban equals more vendor many who could become store owners. Many city agencies are involved in changes: health, business, police, owners
 - D. Please see the statement of the NYCBID Association at www.NYCBIDAssociation.nyc
 - E. The Fordham BID requests a multi-agency task force to consider the role and number of street vendors
- IV. Comments from the NYPD representatives present:
 - A. Density in retail areas increases concerns about safety and allows pickpockets more access
 - B. Procedures for policing street vendors are complicated and time consuming.
- V. Comments from residents:
 - A. Vendors often provide goods for less cost
 - B. Vendors can create crowding in retail areas
 - C. Concerns about vendors from outside of the neighborhood
 - D. Stores being put out of business; abandoned stores are a safety issue
 - E. Residents expressed the need to include property owners in the dialogue
- VI. Adjourned 7:40 PM
 - A. Minutes submitted by Eleanor Lundeen, Chairperson