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Bronx Community Board #7

Jerome Avenue ULURP #C180051 ZMX

Recommendations

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Resolution adopted by Community Board #7 regarding ULURP Application C180051 ZMX- The establishment of a Special Jerome Avenue District.

Community Board #7 supports ULURP Application # C180051 with the following recommendations:

Planning

1. The New York City Planning Commission study and implement Community Board #7's proposal for the downzoning of areas of Kingsbridge Heights and Bedford Park. Community Board #7 has submitted an independent zoning study supporting this request.

Schools and Education

1. Additional schools are needed in School District 10, the most overcrowded district in the Bronx. Presently, there is a need for over 2700 new seats at all grade levels unfunded by the City. The number of new housing developments planned in the Community Board #7 area will increase the need for new seats substantially over the next 5 years. There will be a need for seats at all grade levels, from PK3- through high school.
2. Additional and expanded day care and afterschool programs are needed to support the projected increase in population. A new community center in Community District 7 would provide additional resources to our community. Programming directed towards youth, young adults and senior citizens are greatly needed.

Transportation

1. Additional capacity is needed on both the #4 and the D subway lines to address the projected increase in population.
2. Renovation of the subway stations along both the #4 and D lines should be scheduled, including determining which stations along these lines can be made handicap accessible.
3. Installation of an elevator at the Fordham Road/Jerome Avenue #4 subway station. This major transportation hub needs to be made handicap accessible. The station serves one of the busiest commercial districts in the city.



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4. Restore the pre-2010 service levels to the BXM3 and BXM4 express bus lines.

Cultural Programs

1. Cultural Programs including programs focusing on art, music, theatre and other forms of expression should be expanded to meet the growing population. Community Board 7 has a growing immigrant population, from many parts of the world, and it is important that our communities' institution promote the new cultures throughout the community.

Residents need the opportunity to share with each other their culture to foster understanding of the different cultures.

Public Safety

1. Additional lighting and security cameras should be installed along the Jerome Avenue Special District to provide greater security for the businesses and community residents.

Local Employment/Training

1. Ensure local employment opportunities of community residents during the construction of new developments along Jerome Avenue. There is a great need for apprenticeship programs to provide a pathway for residents to well-paying union jobs.
2. Encourage developers to work with the community to ensure that 50% of the new jobs created as part of any new development be set aside for community residents. The new developments along the Jerome Avenue Special District should make every attempt to include local residents in the recruitment of workers for these new buildings.

Veterans

1. Additional programming, including job training, health programs, literacy programs should be established for veterans. Working with the James J. Peters Veterans Hospital, these programs would assist those who have faithfully served our country.

Community Board #7 voted on these conditions October 26, 2017. The vote was 21 yes, 2 no, 0 abstentions.

Adaline Walker Santiago, Chairperson

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