

**Committee Board 12- Manhattan  
Business Development- Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2019**

Committee Members Present

Eleazar Bueno, Chair  
Tanya Bonner  
Waldys Cruz  
Domingo Estevez  
Sara Fisher  
Rud Morales  
Bruce Robertson

Committee Members Absent

Glenis Aquino

Board Members Present

Richard Lewis

**Guests:** Liliam Arias, Jackie Tesman, Pauk Hunstestainer,, David Eisenbach, Abbas Haquam, Joshua Goldberg

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. with quorum. BD Committee Chair Eleazar Bueno opened the meeting by welcoming Committee members and guests.

Bueno introduced David Eisenback to update us on the the SBJSA bill. Bill has been around for over 30 years. It had 30 sponsors under Viverito's term. and right now it does not have enough to pass.

After the new speaker Cory Johnson got elected and during the public hearing some opponents called it unconstitutional. The bill proposes that every business gets a 10 year lease. He pointed out it does not affect the rezoning that has been around for over 10 years as long as businesses are in good standing

Mr. Eisenback was asked about the true definition of small business for the law to be applied.. He answered that businesses with a commercial lease will be benefited with a 10 yr lease under the new law. Supermarkets. Mom and pops, Garment under 750 employees while still in NY. He also said that Landlords will make money if they stay while protecting jobs, ot just technology jobs.

Mr. Eisenback talked about the part of legally binding arbitration, market rent for spaces, evictions under tenant/landlord agreements and stopping 100-500% rent increases.

Sally talked about handshakes amongst politicians and landlords, She asked if the mayor will veto it and how can it fought? Eisenback answered that unless Cory is a good actor he will live up to his promise.

Sally asked about what's covered on the bill. Eisenback answered that it will protect all small businesses in NYC.

Tanya asked if the bull had limitations. Eisenback answered it has provisions to assist and protect business by the arbitration process.

Next guest speaker Quenia Abreu talked about the advocacy of her agency NYWCC and SBJSA. The bill is not perfect and it's going through legislation. Should be overseen by Small Business Owners and that this is the first real opportunity to pass the bill.

Mr. Bueno pointed out that there is some trust building to do between the politician's drafting the bill and the business owners because it was originally presented as a rezoning savior.

Bruce Robertson mentioned that there was a CB12 resolution passed supporting the bill. Mr. Eisenback said that a rally should be organized as support.

Magda Dunes from the Dept of Health gave an presentation of the letter grading process for restaurants. She provided information showing the inspection cycles and the services provided by the agency.

She talked about the first and second inspection for the first year and the 13 points or less to qualify for an A grade.

Rud Morales mentioned the issues of the language barrier during the inspections and the lack of professionalism by the inspectors.

Sally reminded MS Dunez of supplying all the information pertaining inspection on all spanish for our majority spanish speaking folks and the different geographic areas.

Evelyn Collado from Councilman Rodriguez office briefly talked about the number of time her office has tried to reach out to businesses to come for the SBJSA hearings to no avail. She also spoke about the hookah bill and its benefits.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.