

Public Meeting of the CB12M's Youth and Education Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #10

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Location: 530 West 166th Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10032

Committee Members Present: Fe Florimón, Chair; Glennis Aquino, Assist Chair, Maria Luna; Ayisha Oglivie; Luis Tapia, Derek Peralta

Committee Member(s) Absent:

Guests: Wendy Hilliard, CEO of the Wendy Hilliard Foundation

Community Members: Karen Coronel; Roberto De La Rosa; Deborah Cardona; Josh Karen (didn't sign public attendance); Nayma Silver; Joel Yoffie, (didn't sign public attendance).

The meeting was called at 7:11 p.m by Fe Florimón, Chair

Discussion was taken place as indicated below:

1. Ms. Florimon initiated the meeting by welcoming all participants and asking to introduce themselves. Following this procedure, the Chair reviewed the agenda and explained what to expect at each phase.
2. **Special Guest: Wendy Hilliard, CEO- Wendy Hilliard Gymnastics Foundation (WHGF).**
Ms. Hilliard is the Founder, and CEO of the above Foundation. She was the first African- American to represent the U.S.A in the field of Rhythmic Gymnastics (her field of expertise), and Coached a 1996 Olympian. She was also the first President of the Women's Sports Foundation and the recipient of a gold Medal. Ms. Hilliard has delivered an informative visual presentation (*PowerPoint*) in which she discussed the mission of her Foundation and services available to the community.
 - ✓ WHGF has been in existence for 21 years, and provides free and low cost gymnastics instruction for children between the ages of 3 and 17. The program is available in difference venue including the Harlem Armory, Riverbank State Park, and also with the Boys & Girls Club of Harlem in partnership. Ms. Hilliard appeared the committee with the hope that Committee Members and the general public are aware of the services available all children under the age previous stated. Within their available services, the one of the main goals of her Foundation are to promote the emotional and physical health of youth through the area of sport gymnastics.
 - ✓ Presenter encouraged members of the Committee and the audience to feel free to share the information about her Foundation services. As token of appreciation, and to enhance audience's knowledge about her organization, several books were donated under the title of: "Young Dreamers I am a Gymnast"

Committee Members and the audience has the opportunity to ask questions and openly interact with presenters and both were very pleased with her presentation.

3. **Budget Priorities FY19**

- ✓ The committee discussed the budget priorities for the FY19. New items were adopted while others old items remained on both Capital and Expense Budgets. The Chair encouraged the participation of the general public in the process
- ✓ The Capital Budget concluded with 7 items
- ✓ The Expense Budget concluded with 9 items. However, due unforeseen circumstances (constant meeting interruptions), the committee was not able to conduct their annual ranking process. After the budget discussion due to the extended lateness of the meeting, member Luna had to exit the meeting.
- ✓ Chair invited everyone to attend the Word Up Community Bookshop event “2017 Educator Night” to be held on Thursday, October 19, 6–8pm
- ✓ Josh Karen, Education Advocate, brought a new business. He proposed a resolution asking for the Community Board 12M to oppose the application of Zeta Charter School to co-locate within D6 public school building. According to Mr. Karan, this resolution was a follow up of the resolution he has previous submitted at the Board’s Executive Committee in September 18th.
Chair Florimon said that additional clarification was needed before further proceeding. She also stated that the language on the resolution was not consistent with other past resolutions approved by the Board in regard to charter schools. However, Member Oglivie suggested the consideration of the Resolution. Member Tapia seconded, and after the item was debated the committee voted as follow:
 - ✓ **Committee Members: 4 votes in favor (yes) and 1 abstain.**
 - ✓ **Public Member: 4 votes in favor (yes) and 1 abstain**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm

Next Meeting; Monday, November 13, 2017