

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #4

Monday, April 8, 2019

Location: CB12M Office 530 West 166 Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10032

Committee Members Present: Fe Florimon, Chair; Glennis Aquino, Assist Chair; Maria Luna; Gabriela Estrella; Curtis Young;

Committee Member(s) Absent: Jonathan Nunez-Formeta; Jonathan Nunez-Formeta; Deborah Nabavian; Liane Ramirez (Public Member)

Guest: Presenters: Michael Murphy, Founder, and Tatum Doehnker, Director of Community Impact of Kids In the Game (KING); Maria Peña, Community Chorus Coordinator and Gia Gan, Conductor of Young People's Chorus of New York City.

General Public: Juan Alonzo, Community Resident; Al Kurland, PAL; Olga Perez MVP Lifeguards; Ryan Derso, Artist; Carlos Vargas, YALD, Inc; Pedro Mejia; Lisa Henrique, Kids In the Game; Marta Gomez.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fe Florimon at 7:07pm.

Discussion that took place as indicated below:

Members of the Committee and the audience were introduced by the chair followed by the review of agenda items.

1. Michael Murphy, Founder of Kings in the Game (KING) and Tatum Boehnke, Director of Community Impact made a presentation under the title of "KING KIDS 2019." A background of "Kings in the Game (KING)" was provided. This is a social business and nonprofit organization that promotes sports and physical activity to over 18,000 students in New York City. Several programs are provided in the area of social business and non-profit as follow:

Social Business Programs:

- School Programming (serving over 60,000 school in NYC and over 16,000 children)
- Summer Camps (operates 5 Camps and serving over 800 children)
- Elite Sport Teams (53 Youth served)

Non-profit Programs:

- Youth Development
- Community Building
- Career Readiness
- KING KIDS provides over \$100K in summer scholarships annually.
- Aiming to increase numbers for participants from the uptown community.
- They also offer physical education programming and after school/homework assistance.

KING is seeking the support of the Washington Heights/Inwood Community and hopes for the Board to share their information with the community. Distribution of program materials was provided.

2. Representatives from the "Young People's Chorus of New York City" (YPC) Maria Peña, Community Chorus Coordinator of, and Gia Gan, Conductor, came to present about **Community Chorus in Washington Heights**. Presenters discussed a brief history of their organization and provided hard copy materials of their program as follow:

- “The YPC’s mission is to provide children of cultural and economic background with a unique program of music education and choral performance that seeks to fulfill every child’s potential, while creating a model of artistic excellence and harmony that enriches the community”
- YPC was found 30 years ago by Francisco J. Nunez, Founder and Artistic Director
- Program is provided within 18 schools and serving over 2,000 young people in the ages 8 to 18. Also provided in different languages including Chinese
- Scholarship opportunities are available for students
- Auditions are provided every year. No experience is necessary- just love for singing
- Young People’s Chorus is currently recruiting new members. **Community Chorus in Washington Heights** it’s a neighborhood chorus with currently close to 75 young musicians. No experience required as musical literacy training is provided. There are two chorus groups (8-10 and 11 years and above). Opportunity for questions was provided to the general public and members of the committee.

3. **Announcements from the Committee and general public were made.**

- Chair reiterated/encouraged everyone to attend the 4th Annual event of Youth and Police Partnership Walk and Resource Fair in support of Youth and Police Building Bridges, to be held May 18, 2019.
- Information tables are available (free of charge) for organizations and students (k-12) to exhibit their artwork.
- Chair also discussed the structure and stakeholders of the event, and the needs for volunteers. She also explained that unlike previous years two different fliers were created. The official flyer (color pink) was created by the 34th Precinct and the blue color was chosen by the students, which provide the space to add the supporters’ logos.
- Assistant Chair, Ms. Aquino, made announcement about the Armory’s Uptown Game. It’s open to the entire community of Washington heights/Inwood, families and middle schools. Further information can be found at the Armory’s website and follow the youth link <http://www.armorytrack.com> . She also spoke about the track and field and College Prep programs available for middle and high school students from the community and Harlem community.
- The Armory also provides assistance for students to enter NYC Specialize High School (NYCSHS). This year four (4) students were assisted to enter NYCSHS. The H.S. program has 85 students, 100 percent successfully graduated and at least 85 percent were covered through scholarship.
- Robotic program is a new initiative launched last year (2018). It a great program and its students have the opportunity to compete with other students throughout the city. So far they have won six awards- and these programs are all free.
- Chair announced the 34th Pct. Michael Buczek Little League 2019 event encouraged everyone to attend in support of the legacy of Officer Michael Buczek.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.