

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

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #6

Monday, June 12, 2017

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

Committee Members Present: Fe Florimón, Chair; Maria Luna; Ayisha Oglivie;

Committee Member(s) Absent: Glennis Aquino

Board Member(s) Present: Edgar Roman

Guests: Elizabeth Braley, and Beatrice Donavin, Representatives of the Citizens Committee for Children of New York, Inc;

Community Members: Edwin Martinez; Kiamesha Smalls; Joel Yoffie

The meeting was called at 7:23p.m by Fe Florimón, Chair

Discussion was taken place as indicated below:

1. Ms. Florimon initiated the meeting by welcomed participants and asked to introduce themselves and any organization they may represent. Following this procedure, the Chair reviewed the agenda and explained what to expect at each phase. She also made announced that there was no quorum available.
2. The African and Native American Burial Ground and the issue of Jill Bloomberg and the DOE, were the topic to be presented by: ***Karen D. Taylor, CB12M.*** However, presenter did not attend the meeting.
3. Committee's guests, Ms. Elizabeth Bradley and Ms. Beatrice Donavin, volunteers from the Citizen Committee for Children of New York, Inc (CCC) made a presentation under the title of : **“Keeping track of New York City’s Children: 2015.”** According to the presenters, the CCC’s mission is to ensure that every New York Child is healthy, housed, educated and safe. The information presented highly relates to several characteristics pertaining to the youth population of the Washington Heights Community, which continues as follow:
 - ✓ Child population by age group (under 5 years; 5 to 9; 10 to 14, and 15 to 17 years), among them, the population of child under 5 years was registered with the higher rate of 31.4% and the smaller was 17.% on the age of 15 to 17 years.
 - ✓ The child poverty rate in the Washington Heights almost equal to the percentage rate in NYC (WHA 29.2 %, and NYC 28.6 %)
 - ✓ Youth Unemployment is 22.2 % compares to NYC 19.3%
 - ✓ Graduation rate 59.6% is compares to NYC 64.2
 - ✓ Distribution of handouts with relevant information was distributed. However, several Committee members, and the public questioned the validity of the data, and suggested on the possibility of further clarification and/or the need for an update on the data presented. Member Luna posted several questions including, if the data presented was related to the Census which is collected every 10 years, but, the Presenter was not sure.
 - ✓ Chair suggested, (if members wish) that the information can be researched through other reputable sources and make an evaluation. Within a neutral position, Chair also stated that most organizations (at least would like to believe) including CCC are usually mindful when comes to the sharing of statistical data because it may involves their own reputation.
4. Ms. Florimon introduced an open discussion to address the celebration of the **“Youth International Day 2017.”**

- ✓ Initially, she spoke about her volunteer experience at the United Nations (UN) and most recent communication with them. She presented a video, which consisted on the global initiative taken by the United Nations on the subject of discussion. According to Ms. Florimon, in a recent communication with the UN, she learned that their “Focal Point on Youth aims to build awareness of the global situation of young people as well as promote their rights and aspirations.”
 - ✓ On December 2015, the Security Council at the UN passed a resolution in support of the growing recognition of young people “as agents of change.” Every year the UN selects a topic for the celebration of the Youth International Day. Similar to the CB12M-Youth and Education Committee’s initiative-” Youth and **Police Building Bridges**”, this year the UN’s official topic will be in celebration of “**Youth Building Peace.**” On Friday, August 11th, the UN will hold the official commemoration of this day.
 - ✓ Chair suggested the Committee to consider the idea of supporting this initiative by encouraging youth to participate in the celebration of this meaningful day. Ms. Florimon expressed her willingness to get involved in the initiative, and help young people to get involve on this initiative as well any other with United Nations. However, member Ms. Luna was reluctance about the idea.
5. During the phase of the agenda of old, and new business a report on the following data were provided.
- ✓ “Know Your Rights” Forum was held on June 7th 2017. The objective was to provide the community with an informative update about “Immigrants’ Rights,” and the role of the New York Police Department under the present community atmosphere pertaining to the subject of immigration.
 - ✓ Members of the Community Affairs Bureau, and representatives from the *Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigration Rights; Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp; Latino Justice; NYPD*, and Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs were present at the Panel. Ample opportunities were given to the general public to ask questions as they felt. However, the number of attendance was not as higher as it was expected.
6. The 2nd anniversary of the “Youth and Police Partnership Walk & Resource Fair” in support of “Youth and Police Building Bridge” again it was a complete success. Over five hundred people from different communities attended the event.
- ✓ The Youth and Education Committee is pound, and pleased for the all support they received from the community. Distinguish appreciation was highlighted for the MBP **Gale A. Brewer, and staff**. At the opening of the event, **BP Brewer** provided the first rhetoric message. She congratulated Ms. Florimon, and her Committees’ members for organizing the event. She also acknowledged members of the NYPD for their collective support and collaboration, as well as the general public for their presence.
 - ✓ According to the Chair, BP Brewer has consistently demonstrated a distinctive path in supporting the majority of the initiatives taken place in the Washington Heights/Inwood community, for which she deeply thanked her. Chair also thanked Assembly woman Carmen de la Rosa who spoke during part II of the event at the GWEC’s field, and the event’s stakeholders (NYPD-Precincts 34th, 33rd 30th, CEC6, GWEC and CB12M) and many supporters including Police Athletic League, Inc (Mr. Frederick Watts, Al Kurland, Marcel Brathwaite); Big Brothers Big Sisters (Jason Holiday, Alize Beal); CLOTH (Yvonne Stennett), UnitedHealth care and among others.
7. The agenda proposal for fall season was discussed. Ms. Florimon encouraged members to share any topics they may feel important, and /or worth to address a particular needs within the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52pm

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