

# CB12M-Youth and Education Committee

Monday February 10, 2014

## Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Location:** 530 West 166 Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York NY 100432

**Committee Members Present:** Fe Florimón, Chair; Chris Smith, Asst. Chair; Maria Luna; Lorena Jimenez-Castro; Ayisha Oglivie; Alyce Smith

**Committee Members Excuse:** Manny De los Santos;

**Committee Public Members Absent:** Shaun Abreu

**Guests:** NYPD's Community Affairs representatives-Liza Aviles; Robert Mirabal; and Alejnadro Sandoval; Richard Bucley- NYPL; Amy G. NYPL;

**Introductions:** The Chair opened the meeting at 7:20PM.

Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the meeting. Members of the committee were introduced and those present were asked to introduce themselves.

### **PART I: OPEN ISSUE**

**“La Colectiva Freedom School”** By Mr. Chris Whitney

**Mr. Whitney** made a presentation with the objective to introduce a new community-based organization program called "La Colectiva Freedom School" and hope to obtain the support of board as well of the community. According to the presenter, the program still under development and seeks to serve young people in the community. Presenter shared his background and the rational of the proposed idea. During his presentation the following were discussed.

- Presenter background in education includes working with youth people in South Africa for 2yrs.
- Works in Bronx Community Charter School with newly immigrated families.
- Understands that poor communities need after-school programs. Should be a community approach. Not just DOE.
- In conjunction with other teachers who shared concerns want to develop summer programs to supplement what schools are doing.
- 2% of all ELL 6<sup>th</sup> graders passed the state test.
- Urgent need for extra support
- Sports, arts multi generation groups of people to support the young people.
- Wants to make things better in the community, free programs is one way to so
- Organization is in the process of identifying potential community partners- funding and space highly desirable.

- And last, in support of the proposed idea and/or program some responses includes representative of the Popular Community- Bank Mr. Giuseppe Lentini- Branch Manager who indicate willing to provides financial literacy for young people.

**PART II: YOUTH VIOLENCE BY:** Mr. Alejandro Sandoval, representative of the NYPD/Community Affair-Youth Division

Presenter Mr. Sandoval provided an overview of what is happening with youth and violence in the community. He acknowledge that youth violence is a serious social problem facing many communities and suggested that parents should be closed involved in the lives of their children. Presenter also provided the following suggestions and information:

- Parent involvement between the hours of 3-5:30pm is crucial. Unfortunately, many parents aren't aware what youth are up to during this period of time.
- Monitor social media activities is also important
- Presentations: buildings, violence, youth policy, academy, cops, kids program (mentoring, sports)
- Pro Hoops- free programs for youth DA'S seized. GW's HS 5-9pm (volley ball, Basketball @sat)
- Gang activity in WTT:
- Trinitario-175<sup>th</sup> Street and fort Washington main gang in our community.
- Operation crew act monitor social media to identify media activities.

**Responders:**

To complain about social media violence  
 -SGT. Andrew Donton (212-343-3707)  
 -conflict resolution in our community:  
 -Tackle through workshops and mentoring program  
 -23, 25, 28+32 96 streets FDR to 155<sup>th</sup> street holds 80% of youth violence

**PART III: Under new/old business the following items were discussed By:** Mr. Chris Smith

- CB12M's Youth & Ed. Committee invited Chancellor Farina for a school tour at I.S. 52, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am
- Grand opening Inwood community in March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am/Santanila celebration
- Committee even on "Scholarship opportunities" and "How to Navigate College admission" for March 1<sup>st</sup> has been canceled due to NYS Riverbank similar event, on the same date. Instead, the committee will have a Youth Mental Health forum 10-12pm.
- **Teen Center at the Ft Washington Library Branch- pending proposal**
  - Fort Washington 3<sup>rd</sup> floor is not ADA accessible according to NYPL representatives.
  - President does want to add new programs there.
  - Between two to three (2-3) groups have visited the branch space for programing but, have learned that it is not ADA accessible.
  - There are teen programs presently in three boroughs
  - Speak to the community district Council Member to help fund this project.
- Mr. Jacob Morris' comments:

- Scholarships opportunities through historical society for a \$1,000
- It would be great to have youth around the table to participate in the design of the space and services. Also suggested three proposals:
  - \$12,000,000 total renovation
  - Teen center
  - Exploratory/gather community, youth, and citizen inputs to see what is needed in the community.
- Showed support for this request
- Proposed #3 we would need a proposal to show what CB12M is doing.
- Member Maria Luna suggested doing some research, and later a resolution.
- The committee voted unanimously on the motion presented in support for an exploratory initiative to support a “Teen center” at the Ft. Washington Library Branch.

**Upon roll call vote the following voted as:**

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBER(S)</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER(S)</b>	<b>PUBLIC MEMEBR (S)</b>
<b>Yes 6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
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**The meeting was adjourned at 9:39pm**

**Next Meeting: Monday March 10, 2014 @ 7:00PM**



# CB12M's-Youth and Education Committee

Saturday, February 1, 2014

## Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Location: Isabella Geriatric Center 515 Audubon Ave, New York NY 10040**

**Committee Members Present:** Fe Florimón, Chair;

**Committee Members Excuse:**

**Guests:** Mr. Javier Trejo, Principal George from GW High School; Mr. Guillermo Rivera, The City College of New York

The Chair Fe Florimón opened the meeting at 10:15AM  
Guests were welcomed and thanked for joining the meeting.

### **Discussion:**

- ✓ Chair discussed the agenda
  - ✓ Pending committee goals 2014
  - ✓ The setting for March 1, 2014 event- college admission and Scholarship opportunities.
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- During a roundtable discussion the chair discussed potential committee's goals for 2014 and asked for community collaboration. Part of the suggested collaboration includes mutual support for educational initiatives, sharing information to benefit the community; and possible joint activities.
  - The planning for the educational event to be held in March 1, 2104 was also discussed. The objective of this event is to provide students at middle school and high school levels with the opportunity to learn how to navigate college admission and the awareness of scholarship opportunities in the community, not known to many students. Chair suggested that the arrangement for the event should start immediately and she would look forward to starting the process in the coming week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both, representative from George Washington High School and City College of New York agreed to be part of the event and the goals proposal.
  - Questions about community resources including the need for after schools programs, summer jobs were also discussed.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm**