

CB12M Youth and Education Committee

Meeting #1

Monday, January 10, 2022

Minutes

LOCATION: **VIRTUAL MEETING**

Committee Members Present: Fe Florimon, Chair; Maria Luna; Jonathan Nunez-Frometa; Curtis D. Young; Daniel Bonilla; Michelle Lee; and Wendy Pena.

Excused: Gabriela Estrella.

Absent: Glennis Aquino; Miriam James.

Board Members Present: Shinelle Paniagua

Public Member(s) Present: Luis Cruz (**new member**).

Absent: Guillermo Perez.

Guests: Christina Reyes, Founder and Executive Director at Inwood Academy for Leadership; Megan Byrnes, Programs Manager, at Morris-Jumel Mansion Museum; Vianela Rivera, Manager at Washington Heights Library; Ingrid Renderos, Director at CUNY in The Heights; Tatiana Mahoney, Director of Family and Community Engagement at Inwood Academy for Leadership; Cassandra Glencas, community resident.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fe Florimon at 7:05 pm.

The following report is a brief summary of the virtual meeting discussion that took place as indicated below. For in-depth report, please access the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urijYLKI7U4>

Ms. Florimon welcomed and thanked members, guests, and the general public. Committee's members introduced themselves for the record. Chair discussed the unfolding of the agenda and then proceeded to introduce the guests.

Guest/Presenter: *Christina Reyes, founder and Executive Director at Inwood Academy for Leadership* appeared before the committee to share her annual presentation to the community which was consisted of an updated report of her school. Ms. Reyes thanked the committee for the invitation and everyone who was present. In her own words, she's glad for the opportunity to meet virtually, but wishes to meet in person at some point. During her elaborate presentation, Ms. Reyes discussed the following topics: A brief background about her experience and creation of the emergence of the Inwood Academy for Leadership and its mission.

- How her "school empowers students to become agents for change through ocommunity focused leadership, character development and college preparedness."
- The school's programs and initiatives were also discussed at length including (assessment and intervention, problem solving among many other initiatives).
- An important school's annual event "Walk for a Cause Falls 2021" was also discussed. This annual event is expected to be in effect in October 2022. And further topics can be found in the link previously provided .

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Guest/Presenter: *Megan Byrnes, Programs Manager, at Morris-Jumel Mansion Museum.* Ms. Byrnes, thanked the chair and the entire committee for the invitation. Ms. Byrnes appeared before the committee to share the following information:

- Ms. Byrnes provided an overview of her role, and the time she has been working for the Morris-Jumel Mansion Museum (MJMM).
- Morris Jamal mansion is actually the oldest remaining historic house in Manhattan and is 256 years old, so it even predates the United States, according to the presenter 'statement.
- Presenter made the announcement of new educational programs related to art and culture.
- The programs are available for K through 12 students, families, and adult audiences.
- The MJMM started new educational programs for Middle and High School students.
- Ms. Byrnes: this is a meaningful opportunity for kids to connect with the past, and you know, empower them in the present and to really appreciate the fact that we're all making history every day.
- Presenter encouraged the committee and general audience to share the information.

New and old business:

- The committee welcomed a new Public Member Luis Cruz. He provided a brief summary of his desire for joining the committee and hope for civic engagement.
- Ingrid Renderos, Director of CUNY in The Heights is promoting free class to learn English. She is also available for presentations (e.g. at schools, and organizations), and would like to promote the credit bearing and non credit bearing classes and other available programs. Inquiries it's 212-776-6611 that's 212-776-6611.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 and seconded by Curtis D. Young.

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