

# CB12M Youth and Education Committee

## Meeting 9

Monday, November 14, 2022

### Minutes

LOCATION: **VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Committee Members Present:** Fe Florimon, Chair; Michelle Lee; Jacob Banas; Luis Cruz  
**Absent:** Jonathan Nunez-Frometa. **Excused:** Maria Luna,

**Board Staff:** Shinelle Paniagua.

**Public Member(s):** Guillermo Perez.

**Public Attendees:** Solangel Amonte; Rosemary Mora Valdez; H. Martinez; Samuel Kelleher; Noris Rosario; Wilman Pintado; and Catalina Ramirez.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fe Florimon at 7:11 pm.

*The following report is a summary of the virtual meeting discussion that took place on the above date. For an in-depth report, please access the following link:*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O\\_AXN57vYyQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_AXN57vYyQ)

Chair Florimon welcomed and thanked members and the general public for their attendance. Committee members and guests introduced themselves for the record.

***The committee centered the discussion on the following topics***

Chair Florimon discussed the unfolding of the agenda. The first guest to speak was the NYPD 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Pcts' Youth Coordinator Officers (YCOs) for the Explorers Program. Second, topic a conversation with young people and their view on public safety. Chair proceeded with the agenda as follows:

- Jacob Banas was formally introduced by Chair Florimon as a new committee member. She asked him to speak/volunteer any information about his background and reason for joining the committee at his discretion, which he did briefly and eloquently.
- The order of the agenda was changed due to the absence of the first presenters. The chair immediately proceeded with the second part of the agenda: "A Conversation with Young People and their views on ✓ School Vicinity & Public Safety. ✓ After School Programs. ✓ Suggestions (Optional).
- Students and parents discussed their concerns about public safety also in the subway and the community in general. Ms. Florimon asked the students several questions such as:

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What is your thought on the present situation with community safety in New York City? Do you feel safe around your school? If not, why? What is the most disturbing situation you think we are facing as a community regarding public safety? If you have the opportunity to speak to the NYC Mayor about this issue, what would be your suggestion? What is your career goal?

- Questions were answered by high school student Solangel and several parents. During her first response, she add: *"I think as you said, it's very concerning like how high the criminal activity is around Washington Heights, and especially like around schools, and even like public transportation that I take every day. For example, I wouldn't say I don't feel safe inside my school, but I definitely don't feel safe surrounding the areas of my school, or even on my way home."* (See recording for further details).
- In the absence of the YCOs, the Chair asked Luis Cruz, a committee member, and also a former member of the Explorers program to speak briefly about the Explorer program.
- Under the new and the phase of new and old business, the chair referred to a possible new school safety policy for Radio Channel. Many schools' staff may no longer have direct access to school safety officer stationing on their building's main floor. In case of any incidents, staff would have to contact safety officers outside the school to report and wait for assistance arrivals.
- One of the problems facing this policy is the gap between the reporting time and the arrival of the officers at the location in which the incident may have escalated too far among other unforeseen circumstances, it just can get worse.
- The committee discussed the possibility of inviting representatives from the Department of School Safety and DOE to clarify the new policy for the parents and the general community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. after a motion was called by the chair and seconded by Member Jacob Banas

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