

CB12M Youth and Education Committee

Meeting #2

Monday, February 13, 2023

Minutes

LOCATION: **VIRTUAL MEETING**

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

Board Members: Wayne Benjamin, Juilo Batista, Jason Cowan.

Board Staff: Shinelle Paniagua, Community Associate.

Public Members Present: Guillermo Perez.

Guests: Thalia Flores, Lead Environmental Coordinator and students from WHEELS; Cynthia Carrion and Evan Meyers, School in the Square.

Community members: Marina Martinez; Stephanie Caban, Riverside Park; Tanesha Grant, PSPNY.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fe Florimon at 7:02 p.m.

The following report is a brief 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=ANN3MbjBsi4>

Chair Florimon greeted everyone and introduced the meeting's guests. Board members identified themselves.

Chair Florimon welcomed the students from WHEELS and turned the meeting over to Talia Flores.

Flores shared a presentation about Futures Ignite which offers things like college prep and youth enrichment programs. The program focuses on empowering youth and tackling environmental justice issues in Washington Heights. Introduced students from the WHEELS school including Noelia, Anneliese Martinez, Brenda, and Carlos.

Together the students presented about the WHEELS Clean Air Corridor, a youth-led initiative to create greenspace along 182nd street stemming from Highbridge park. As well as work conducted in partnership with Columbia students to conduct environmental research in local parks and cleanup work along 182nd street.

WHEELS asks for committee resolution that supports a school street for WHEELS and IS 143. Requests collaboration between DOT and 34th precinct to enforce a temporary full street closure permit for 2023 open streets program.

Discussion ensued.

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Chair Florimon thanked Flores and the students for their presentation and introduced the next guest from School in the Square: Even Meyers, Executive Director; Yira Salcedo, High School Principal; and Cynthia Carrion, Chief Programs and Engagement Officer.

Meyers, Salcedo, and Carrion presented on the services School in the Square provides both in terms of education and broader community outreach, including the demographic breakdown of the school compared to school district 6.

Wayne Benjamin shared background on a resolution coming from the Land Use committee which would seek to permit School in the Square High School to occupy its new building, which is not currently zoned to allow a school.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Florimon thanked the members of School in the Square for their presentation and wished them good luck in opening their school and asked that they keep the Youth and Education Committee informed.

New Business Announcements:

Jacob Banas - Shared the upcoming "Meet your Community Board", slated for February 24th, 6pm at Chelas, 3820 Broadway New York, NY 10032. Folks can [RSVP here](#).

Tanesha Grant - Parents Supporting Parents NY, CEO - Third annual Malcom X Black History month event coming up, invited community members

Stephanie Caban - Shared upcoming youth programming in Riverside park. Especially summer camp at Fort Washington. She can be contacted at stephanie@riversideparknyc.org.

Chair Florimon shared the outline for topics of discussion for the Youth and Education Committee in 2023. Discussion ensued with regard to planning the committee's topics of discussion for future meetings and panel discussions.

Chair Florimon made a motion to adjourn at 10:20pm.

Seconded by Domingo Estevez.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm.

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Issued by: Jacob Banas, Member