

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

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #5

Monday, May 9, 2016

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

Committee Members Present: Fe Florimón, Chair; Priscilla Mota Willis, Assistant Chair; Maria Luna; Estevan Nembhard, Ayisha Oglivie; Domingo Esteba

Committee Public Member(s) Excused: Glennis Aquino;

Guest: Ms. Jessica Reynoso, Outreach Coordinator; for NYC Public Advocate

Community Members: Jennifer Araujo, Representative, District Attorney Office; Al Kurland, Representative from PAL; Joe Yoffie; Roberto de la Rosa, Community Activist; Charlie Radin, Inwood Library;

The meeting was called at 7:15p.m by fe Florimon, Chair
Members of the Committee and attendees were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves.

Part I. Discussion was taken place as indicated below

Ms. Jessica Reynoso, Outreach Coordinator for NYC Public Advocate made a presentation on Child Care in New York City: Investing in Child Care an analysis of subsidized childcare options in New York City. The presenter discussed the following topics:

- ✓ Child care in New York City is unaffordable
- ✓ The existing landscape of subsidized child care
- ✓ The major challenges facing Child Care System in NYC
- ✓ The Public Advocate's plan to make childcare affordable in NYC

The average increase of child care cost consists of \$1,612 each year. Family with an infant spends about \$16,250 in child care, while a family with toddler pays \$11,650. According to Ms. Reynoso, there are three landscapes of subsidized child care options: City Tax Credit; Early Learn Program; and Child Care Voucher. These are the three method used to determine families income eligibility for their child care cost in New York City. As for the challenges facing the child care system, these are: Affordability, Pay Disparity, Leases and Accessibility. The following strategies are part of the Public Advocate's plan to make children affordable in the city.

- ✓ Expand the NYC Child care tax Credit to families making up to \$65,000
- ✓ Expand and dedicate funding to Child Care slots for infants and toddler
- ✓ Create the Mayor's Office of Early Childhood development.
- ✓ Ensure pay equity between the DOE and the ACS Early Learn" teachers
- ✓ New York City must directly negotiate long term leases with landlords to ensure providers stability.
- ✓ Chair opened the questions and answers phase on the agenda. Participants and committee members had the opportunity ask questions.

Part I New Business/Old Business

Ms. Forimon, welcomed and introduced new member Domingo Estevez. She also introduced a new Public Member Mr. Joe M. Zeftel, After School Program Director & Youth Sports Director at the YM & YWHA

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Chair opened the conversation on the pending "Community Rally and Youth Resources Fair event, which is propose to be held on June 18th. A lengthy discussion about the event objective was discussed among members. According to Ms. Florimon, the event proposal seeks to promote and support the initial conversation about community –youth and police relationship; "NYPD Community Partner Program" as well as to share awareness of available community resources that may benefit youth and families. However, further clarification about the event objective was requested by some members, including a member who attended the meeting for first time.

Members Ayisha Oglivie asked for clarification in regard to the event objective. She asked what differences police officers are going to make as a result of this initiative? What is going to happen different from what has been happening with them -Police officers? She also added that she expect not to hear in the News days after the event that NYPD has beaten a teenager with a baton. She also asked how this initiative is going to prevent this scenario from happening.

New member Domingo Estevez, who attended the meeting for first time, also asked for event objective clarification. He stated that he does not clearly understand the NYPD Community Program. There is not much information available about the program, including how to hold officers accountable for their actions. He also thinks that having two officers patrolling the community doesn't necessarily mean better policing and added that police patrol service needs improvement. Mr. Estevez also asked if the Rally was pro-police relationship or pro-police accountability. He suggested that the word "Rally" may not be the right term for the event since its objective does not reflect the meaning of the term "Rally."

Member Maria Luna asked if police officers are planning to walk along with the Community and also comment on the event outcome.

Member Priscilla Mota-Willis shared her feedback about the event. She agreed the community and police relationship is not at the best and "we can't put a bandage on it". However, she believes the event proposal will facilitate the initial conversation with the hope to develop and improve the police and community relations.

Ms. Florimon encouraged all members to contribute with the event objective, as to how they would like the event to be defined. She also asked them to feel free to send their comment /proposal via email or at meeting, whoever way may work best for them. Over all, as it was stated, Committee Members and the public support the event.

Ms. Araujo reported about her office (DA's) event on Gun Violence initiative and/or campaign which started on May 7 to June 18. The initiative is to promote the end on gun violence in the borough of Manhattan. The Community participation is highly encouraged as well as sharing of the information.

Mr. Charlie Radin, announced that the Inwood Library will have a Community Resource Fair event on May 21- all are welcomed to attend and to share the event. He also encouraged participants to advocate and support the need for additional funding the public library, especially now the Mayor's budget is about to be concluded. He also share flyers containing the information

Meeting adjourned: 9:04pm