

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

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #6

Monday, June 13 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; Ayisha Oglivie;

Committee Public Member(s) Estevan Nembhard; Domingo Esteban

Community Members: Jeannie Infante, Associate Director of Family and Community Engagement at Inwood Academy; (*) Roberto de la Rosa, Community Activist; Joe Yoffie (*)

The meeting was called at 7:20p.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

“The Youth and Police Partnership Walk and Resource Fair” event was the topic for discussion in preparation for the event, which is expected to be held Saturday, June 18, 2016. During the first phase of the meeting Ms. Florimon distributed a logo she has designed for the event for the consideration of the committee. The logo was intended to address the subject of: “*Initiative, Trust, Youth, Police and Relationship*”. Ms. Florimon was hoping to put the logo on T-shirts to be made for students to wear while marching. However, members opted for a different logo. Member Ms. Aquino took the initiative to draw a quick logo on the table with a bridge on it, which all members approved and she promised to elaborate further on the design.

An overview of the steps to be taken to build project were also discussed. Ms. Florimon created a Planning Committee (PC), which consisted of committee members (Y&EC & CEC6), students, DOE’s staff, police officers, and representatives from various government agencies and non for profit organizations, and community members.

As a today, the PC has conducted four meetings and one last meeting still pending for this week, for the event final review. All PC meetings have been well attended and participants have embraced the project with much enthusiasm and eager to march.

According to the Chair, it is important to bear in mind the purpose of this initiative. This project initiative is to start the conversation about helping build positive relationships between police officers and the youth, especially at their early stage of youth and also to promote community trust. She hopes to bring up the community program promoted by NYPD as a way of building relationships with the community, as well as other programs needed to be implemented by both system (NYPD and DOE). She hopes the Department of Education (DOE) finds way to implement program within students’ curriculum that may help them to interact in a positive manner with authorities. Equally important, she also hopes NYPD may consider the implementation of program for new officers during training about how to interact with young people and culture sensitivity among communities.

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It was restated that the event will be held on Saturday, June 18th, from 9:00 am to 3:00pm, which will consist on a "Walk and Resource Fair". The meeting location and/or starting point will be at the Board Office (West 166 Street, btw Audubon Ave and St. Nicholas Ave) as a symbol of reminder of where the idea was first proposed. From this location the community will be heading on foot to George Washington Educational Campus where the event will be held. At the expected "Resource Fair" information about community resources will be available. Also, there will be an opportunity for students who want to display their art work.

- ✓ It was also reported that some organizations will have information for those who are interested in becoming nurse assistance, home attendant and other technical careers.
- ✓ Fire department will be conducting recruiting and handing out information for those who may be interested in joining the FDNY.
- ✓ Catholic Charities has promised to donate food and others International Development Institute (IDI) will donate pizza and water. Chair reported that unfortunately they don't have stage as of yet. She asked Steve Simons, Chair for the Health and Environment Committee for assistance, but still pending. She is considering other venues for assistance with the stage including the Armory Foundation, also pending.
- ✓ Chair thanked member Ms. Aquino for submitting the application for the permit to march on the on St Nicholas Ave, which was expeditiously approved.
- ✓ Maria -Expressed concern with officials not showing up due to the fact that they are in the middle of elections.
- ✓ Aisha - Expressed concern with the fact that the walk still doesn't clearly state what the police department is planning to do with the lack of trust that the community has. However,
- ✓ Ms. Florimon – concluded the meeting by restating and/or reminding the committee and participants once again that this "event march" came about as a way to start the conversation between the NYPD and the youth and community. Being aware that many of the issues we are facing will not be addressed overnight. However, this march hopefully will open the door to start new conversations and coming up with possible solutions.

Part II. New/Old Business

- ✓ No report

Meeting ended at 8:37pm

Respectfully submitted by: Priscilla Willis, Asst. Chair

P.S. The sign of an asterisk (*) placed after the names denotes that the participant forgot to sign his/her name on the attendance sheet.