

CB12M

Youth and Education Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #9

Monday, November 14, 2016

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

Committee Members Present: Fe Florimón, Chair; Priscilla Mota Willis, Assistant Chair; Glennis Aquino; Maria Luna; Estevan Nembhard; Luis Tapia; Ayisha Oglivie;

Committee Member (s) Absent: Domingo Estevan

Board Member (s):

Guest (s):

Community and Public Members: Jeannie Infante, representative from Inwood Academy for LCS; Joe Yoffie; Jon Zebtel Community Resident; Roberto De La Rosa, Community Activist; Derek Peralta, Community Resident; Al Kurland, PAL; Nayma Silver- Project Beauty (left before meeting started-Emergency)

The meeting was called at 7:10p.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. Florimon provided an overview about the unfolding of the agenda and on her conclusion she proceeded to introduce Ms. Priscilla Mota Willis, Assistant Chair who presented a project proposal on the topic of “Inwood Read.” The project will consist on promoting reading among children (appropriate for their age and culture) while waiting for hair cut at barbershops and hair salons- similar to old school style. The presenter also suggested :
- ✓ To get books donation from Public Libraries and local authors who may be willing to help with the initiative.
- ✓ Committee’s members (Y&EC) may assist on the project by visiting the local barbershops/ hair salons and speak with the owners about the project; members also may help by distributing books on Saturdays on Ziploc bag pending on the establishment agreement.
- ✓ Members of the committee and the general public welcomed and embraced the idea about the project “Inwood Read.” Ms. Aquino offered her assistance with locating “Publishing Houses”; Ms. Florimon suggested the presenter to put the project in a writing perspective follow by designing an action plan. Mrs. Mota-Willis also stated that she will need assistance with writing letters and Ms. Florimon responded that she’s willing to help with the letters and with

other ideas including putting her in contact with folks in the field books distribution and reading initiatives and so forth.

- ✓ Presenter also spoke about her the budget dynamic for the project and stated that will speak with the Chairman of the Board for further guidance on this matter (budget assistance) of which she is not sure how it works. Member Ms. Luna offered clarifications about the Board's budget.
- ❖ Member Ms. Aquino spoke about: "The Toy Drive Initiative" which is provided by the Armory Foundation. The initiative consists of a running toy drive, presently effective until December 20, 2016. Interested folks are encouraged to drop off toys at the Armory building located at 216 Ft Washington Ave (Near 168 Street) between the hours of 7:00am to 9:00pm –Monday-Friday including weekends starting on November 27th

Ms. Aquino also encouraged committee members and the general public present to spread the word so the community and/or children may benefit from this opportunity.

Part II. New Business:

- ✓ Mr. Al Kurland discussed the "NYC Stop and Frisk Joint Remedial Process" initiative. An event that will be held by CEC6, PAL and the Joint Remedial Team- lead by Hon. Judge Belen. The event is a series of neighborhood based forums, which are being held across New York City. The forums are comprised of young civic stakeholders from student leadership teams and youth agency advisory councils and community activists. Participants under the age of 25 will be encouraged to volunteer their perspective on their experiences with "Stop and Frisk, and Trespass Enforcement." In return, their responses may contribute to the constructions of alternative and mandates and policies ensuring public safety, cooperation with law enforcement, and embrace of youth stakeholder as valuable assets bringing us closer to best practices and in the community. The event will be held on December 1, 2016 at PAL-Armory Building- 216 Ft Washington Ave (entrance through 169 Street) at 3:30pm. The Board's support will be highly appreciated.
- ✓ Ms. Florimon spoke about the pending event "Community Holiday Gathering" to be held on Tuesday, December 13th. The purpose of the event is to celebrate the topic of: "*Education and Holiday Season.*" She also asked the committee for their collective support and encouraged them to vote for the event. Members embraced (positively) the initiatives and vote as follow: **Committee members** 6 yes; 1 abstain; **Members of the public:** 4 yes; 1 abstain. The event will be held by the CEC6/Y&EC and is looking for sponsorship.

Part III. Old Business:

- ✓ Chair reported that on November 5th the Y&EC event: "Traditional Cultures and our Younger Generations" was well attended by parents, young people and the general community. The event discussion was facilitated by a panel, which consisted of youth and professional adults. Due to the

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overwhelm responses of the general public, including participants' feedback, part II for this discussion will be followed.

- ✓ Meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm

Note: Next Meeting:

Saturday, December 3rd- Isabella Geriatric Center 515 Audubon Ave (near 190 Street)

Monday, December 5th- Pending location.