

CB12M
Youth and Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
Meeting #9

Thursday, October 13, 2016

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

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

Committee Member (s) Absent: Glennis Aquino; Domingo Estevan; Excused: Maria Luna

Board Member (s): Richard Lewis
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Guest (s): Javier Valez, Founder, Myght, Inc. - Benefit Corporation
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Community and Public Members: Kristin Chrbbrele; Jorge Dominguez; Joe Yoffie; Jon Zebtel

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

- ✓ Chair moved to open discussion by reviewing both capital and expense budget items for the FY 2017 and 2018. She also discussed the voting procedure.
- ✓ Ms. Oglivie suggested doing more research on priority #5 item# 312201701C (Capital Budget) before deciding to support the request or not. She mentioned that it may have been rejected due to the fact that schools will already be receiving help through STEM.
- ✓ Mr. Tapia asked for a point of clarity. He wanted to know how the voting process worked and the Ms. Florimon proceeded to explain the procedure.
- ✓ Mr. Nembhard asked a question regarding the budget allocation Council Member Ydanis Rodriquez provides for schools and if that was different then what we (committee) were voting.
- ✓ Chair explained that the funds that Council Ydanis Rodriguez may provide for schools (some) would not be nearly enough for the kind of services the schools in the district need. She went on to explain that us (committee) voting helps bring attention to the issue that the youth and education committee really cares about.
- ✓ Ms. Oglivie mentioned that she wanted us to pay attention when voting to the explanations of why the city didn't or did approve a certain item. Knowing why something was approved or not might help us decided if we wanted to continue to support the item.
- ✓ Ms. Florimon– asked member if they have any items for the new budget priorities FY18. She reminded the committee that new items will be added to the voting process. Tracking Numbers on the sheet may be different but that is of little importance for the process of voting.

- ✓ Board member Mr. Lewis - Wanted to let us know that the tracking numbers do not matter. He also advised us to focus on the issue and less on the tracking number. Mr. Lewis also presented the committee with a sheet which specifies the statistics for Biotech laboratory and how the students in Community Boards 12 district lack the skills to move into science/math fields.
- ✓ The committee also discussed the items to be kept for continuing funding support and also those items they no longer wanted to support (e.g. two expense budget items:

Priority #37 TK# 312201706E

Priority #42 TK# 312201707E

Budget recommendations for FY18 as follow:

- ✓ Ms. Oglivie – Wanted to introduce funding for the Restorative Justice Programs in our community.
- ✓ Ms. Willis-Mota – Wanted to change the language to tracking # 312201301E to include tutoring to the afterschool program request. She said that it is important to not just offer afterschool, but to also include help with homework/tutoring.
- ✓ Mr. Tapia – suggested creating funds for Gender LGBTI Youth programs in our community for grades 6-12.
- ✓ Ms. Florimon – Suggested funding for schools that don't offer ramps for students in wheelchairs and other disabilities.
- ✓ On behalf of Mr. Lewis Ms. Florimon suggested – provide funding for a biotech laboratory and research facility for all students at the George Washington H.S. Campus to insure there are opportunities for readiness, mentoring and sound-on immersion on a genomic (DNA) level that is linked to a variety of career path in health/ medical/science and non science fields.
- ✓ Tallying and voting procedure were conducted. The committee adopted four new items, two (2) capital items, and two (2) expense items and also the language modification for preview item belong to FY17 was previously stated.

Part II. New/Old Business:

- ✓ Javier Valdez, Founder, Myght, Inc. - Benefit Corporation, entrepreneur and resident of Washington Heights Community. He wants to share about a youth service learning and career training program, which focus on travel, tourism, and management. The program is aimed for youth on 7th and 8th grade. Mr. Valdez also discussed the program's supporter (e.g. Hilton Hotel and United Nations) and added that he's looking for community support and would like to be connected with other organizations that working with youth.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm

Submitted by: Priscilla Mora-Willis, Vice Chair