

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

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #2

Monday, February 13, 2017

Location: George Washington Educational Campus-549 Audubon Ave- Library 1st Floor (Near 192 Street) New York, NY 10040

Committee Members Present: Fe Florimón, Chair; Glennis Aquino; Luis Tapia

Committee Member(s) Absent: Priscilla Mota-Willis; Domingo Estevez; Ayisha Oglivie; Estevan Nembhard; Maria Luna

Guest: Aimee Rosato, Regional Manager for NYC/NJ –TEALS

Community Members: Alex Behar; David Hiraldo, Founder of Renaissance Technical Institute; Marving Ortiz and Stephen Kirsch, from Excel Program; Ariel Miranda; Dr. Gary Altheim, Founder of GDS Program; Edwin Tercres; Excel Program; Andrea Alfano; Derek Peralta

The meeting was called at 7:15p.m by Fe Florimón, Chair

Discussion was taken place as indicated below:

1. Ms. Florimon initiated the meeting by welcomed participants and asked to introduce themselves and any organization they may represent. Following this procedure, the Chair reviewed the agenda and explained what to expect at each phase of the agenda. She also announced that although two presenters were on schedule, only one presenter was available to present.

Ms. Aimee Rosato, Regional Manager -TEALS organization, facilitated a presentation on the work and mission of her organization. TEALS was founded eight years ago (2009) with the objective to help high school build and grow sustainable computer science programs by pairing experienced and trained software engineer professionals with classroom teachers. The program prepares students for future careers; also provides teachers and schools with several services including:

- Volunteer support (in-class) from computer science expert
- Curriculum materials developed in collaboration with several universities.
- Provides teacher mentoring, support, and in-class observations

The program supported by Microsoft Philanthropies. Participants were encouraged to ask question, which Ms. Rosato gladly responded.

2. Ms. Florimon reported about the recent outcome of the Y&EC's meeting orientation with the MBP office. This initiative was held with the objective to recruit young people (16-26 years old) to apply for community boards, especially CB12M. After the report, she encouraged new participants to discuss how they heard about the committee (Y&EC). Most responded through local organizations within the community and other by the board's announcement and friend. She emphasized on the need for young people to join the board and to get involved on issues that matters to their

community. She asked if anyone have already applied to become CB12M member. Few students raised their hands stating that their applications haven already submitted with BP office. They also expressed interest in joining the Y&EC. She suggested that it was good idea to attend different committee meetings and get better sense of their mission and the work.

3. Dr. Gary Altheim, brought the discussion about the past resolution regarding the Armory, which was tabled for the lack of merit and/or sufficient ground information. He posted several questions referring on how to follow up with the Armory's case (his past complaint), with whom should he communicate to find about the situation status. Ms. Florimon responded that the case was under the guidance of the former Chairman George Fernandez, but he should feel free to contact the Board directly for further question. Ms. Florimon suggested Dr. Gary not to continue the topic, because it was out of the Y&EC's hands, and neither was part of the meeting agenda.

4. Under New/old Business

The following announcements were made:

- Participants were invited to next Community Education Council (CEC6) Capital Plan Meeting to be held on February 16th at 7:00pm Location: P.S 048, 4360 Broadway, Auditorium (Near 187 St) and also Know Your Rights- Immigration forum at the same location (P.S. 048)
 - A recent Planning Committee meeting was held on January 31st to discuss the unfolding of the pending event "Youth and Police Partnership Walk and Resource Fair". Possible date for the event May 20th.
 - Report on the pending events "Youth Homeless Crisis" and Youth Mental Health and Law Enforcement were provided. Possible dates for the events - late March and early April 2017.
 - Discussion about the structure and population of the shelter located in the Armory building were discussed. The committee learned that a lot of people are questioning the situation of the population in this shelter. Ms. Florimon asked Ms. Aquino if she shelter was overseeing by the Armory. According to Ms. Aquino the shelter is under the NYC city umbrella and has nothing to do with the Armory, which has an independence lease with the City.
5. Pending presentation was tabled for next meeting- March 13th: Natalie Espino, from CUNY and Leo Tieno from the office of Community Affairs FDNY.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm