

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON March 26, 2014 AT

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 OFFICE

5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100

Bronx, NY 10471

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Attendees

Lamont Parker

Cy Nesbit

Rita Pochter Lowe

Karen Green

Demarr Smith

Louis Poveda

Affiliation

Youth Chair

Community Board 8

Community Committee member

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

NYCHA Ft. Independence

The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The youth chair introduced Cy Nesbit to present the proposed Community Board No. 8 Youth Basketball Clinic. Cy provided an overview on how the Youth Basketball Clinic would work. Cy has knowledge and experience with basketball programs, clinics, officiating, coaching, and training. The Chair will be working with the District Manager to review proposal details and confirm June or July timing. Demarr Smith suggested adding an academic component to the proposed Youth Basketball Clinic.

The Community Centers in attendance gave a brief overview on how their centers are doing:

NYCHA Ft. Independence- Louis Poveda, shared his concerns on the impending Ft. Independence closure. Louis added that NYCHA claims that they do not have funds to run community centers. Louis feels that, if they close the center, the seniors cannot afford to spend time in their homes 100% of the time. The Chair feels that it is very important that we keep these centers open for the youth to provide a safe, caring environment for children during after school hours. Louis and the Chair will work on a letter stressing the concern over the center being closed to the Mayor's office.

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center- Demarr Smith, gave an overview of some of the current developments:

- Neighborhood festival on April 8th: Face painting and bouncy cage type of events. Sponsored by Horace Mann.
- Summer Youth Market
- Play Street every Friday
- Poetry Night Recital and Performance

For further information please contact Demarr at dsmith@khcc-nyc.org.

The youth chair reminded everyone about the upcoming Poetry Slam, on May 15, 2014. Erik Maldonado will come out to work with the kids beforehand. Demarr Smith, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center reported that six kids will participate. Louis Poveda, Ft. Independence reported that they will have four or five kids participate.

Tickets for the Yankee Game on May 1, 2014 7:05p.m. vs. Seattle Mariners were distributed to Demarr Smith (Kingsbridge Heights Community Center), Louis Poveda (NYCHA Ft. Independence) and Marble Hill Community Center as well.

Community board members agreed to review Comeback Kid proposals and select winner after the meeting. After the meeting Bianca Perez was selected to be the winner of The Comeback Kid award. The award will be presented to the winner at the Board meeting scheduled for April 8, 2014 at the Riverdale Temple. Located at 4545 Independence Avenue 7:30pm.

Under future business the collaboration between the Hebrew Home/Community Centers on the Grandparents pen pal program will be discussed at the next meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 1:52pm. Next Youth committee meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2014 at Community Board No. 8 office.

Lamont Parker, Chair
Youth Committee