

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING – Draft Pending Committee Approval
Held on November 29, 2017 at
Community Board No. 8 Office
5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100
Bronx, New York 10471

PRESENT

Lamont Parker
James Santiago
Daniella Fuchs
Judith Green
Hailey Davis
Ruby Lee Palma
Terence Miller
Phoebe Downs
Elizabeth Herrera

AFFILIATION

CB 8, Chair, Youth Committee
CB 8, Vice Chair, Youth Committee
CB 8, Youth Committee Member
CB 8, Education Committee
KHCC
Community Association of Marble Hill
Write4You, Founder/CEO
Riverdale Neighborhood House
Resident

The meeting was held at the Bronx Community Board office at 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471. The meeting was called to order at 1:00PM.

The meeting started off with the approval of the October 2017 minutes.

James Santiago is now the Vice Chair of the Youth Committee.

An update about the Yankee Awards was given. We are waiting for approval from Community Board 8's Chair moving forward.

Terence Miller, Founder/CEO of Write4You, gave a presentation about an event called Bridging The Gap: An Inter-Generational Conversation. We are bringing together our long-standing community members and our youth for a conversation. The conversation will entail ways for the youth and elders to learn from each other regarding handling the highs and lows of life. The details of the event are still being worked on with a possibility of being held in early February.

Terence also spoke about his writing company that he just started called, Write4You. Write4You is a company that writes for people who do not have the time to do it for themselves. Write4You works with graduate and undergraduate students but the resources are open to any and everyone. The company specializes in research assignments, creative writing, poetry and audio transcription. If you would like to get in contact with Terence please email him at write@write4you.org.

Councilmember Andy Cohen has 1 million dollars of discretionary funding that he can allocate to his district. The New York City Council has an important role in allocating and approving funds for the City's overall budget. The Council provides discretionary funding for community organizations, which includes expense funding (money used for community-based programs) and capital funding (money used for brick and mortar projects). In order to receive discretionary funding the funding has to be put in the budget. The process for receiving the funding is through the participatory budget process. Through Participatory Budgeting, community members – like you – directly decide how to spend at least \$1,000,000 of the public budget in participating Council Districts. Share your ideas on the map for capital

projects. Community members can propose and vote on projects like improvements to schools, parks, libraries, public housing, and other public or community spaces. After you submit your idea on this Idea Collection Map, your idea will be given to community volunteers, called Budget Delegates. Budget Delegates work in your district to turn ideas into real proposals for a ballot, with input from city agencies. These proposals will be up for a community-wide vote in the spring.

This year the minimum age to participate in the participatory budgeting process was lowered to 11. The Education Committee is looking for a polling place so that students can vote on the items that they would like to see in the participatory budget. Judith Green suggested that one of the community centers should be a polling site. Marble Hill or KHCC are possibilities.

RNH is partnering up with RCC on different programs. RNH has 2 youth development specialists. They have also partnered with Mosholu. There is an Academic Assessment internship at the Hebrew Home. In the spring RNH will have a career panel. RNH also has a TABATA Fitness Class on 12/4 from 7:15pm to 8:15pm, mixed level Vinyasa Flow Yoga class on 12/6 at 7:00pm, and the RNH Teen Nights on Friday Nights 9:00pm to 1:00am. For more information they can be reached at 5521 Mosholu Ave, Bronx, NY 10471, (718) 549-8100.

If you would like for your child to be in a safe place after school please reach out to the Riverdale Community Center at 660 West 237th St. Bronx, NY 718-796-4724 | 718-796-4882 info@riverdalecommunitycenter.org. They have afterschool programs for middle and high school students, a teen theater and an adult and youth education center.

KHCC stated that their teen numbers are up. They will have a service day with Fieldston. Also, the winter gifts will be given out. For more information on upcoming events please reach out to the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center at 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace Bronx, NY 10463, 718-884-0700.

Feel free to contact the YM-YWHA at 5625 Arlington Ave, Bronx, NY 10471, (718) 548-8200 for information about the Early Childhood Center, afterschool programs and other recreational activities.

The Youth Committee will have a poetry slam in May. We're exploring locations
The Comeback Kid event will take place in April.

No meeting for December. The Youth Committee meeting will resume January 24, 2018 at 1:00PM at 5626 Riverdale Ave, Bronx, NY 10471

Meeting adjourned at 2:04pm.