

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 30TH, 2011 AT THE
BOARD OFFICE

Meeting commenced at 1:12pm

Attendees: Andy Cohen, Chair. Georgia Santiago, CB8; Colleen Hanley, CB8; Bob Press, CB8; Nicole Stent, District Manager; May Chin, DYCD; Wendy Garcia, DYCD

DYCD Presentation

Budget Priorities & Cuts:

Wendy Garcia - Director of Community Affairs and Outreach, DYCD

Grants Programs:

DYCD has several initiatives all of which were outlined in DYCD brochures provided to the Committee. Ms. Garcia suggested we sign up on the DYCD website for blast e-mails

All the information about DYCD was provided to the Committee in hard copy. Another great resource for DYCD information can be found at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/home/home.shtml>. Upcoming RFP's are listed on the DYCD website. Deadlines are included as well. Young Adult Internship program is there as well. DYCD only funds/operates one group directly – Ladders for Leaders. All other programs must go through the RFP process.

Summer Youth Employment process begins in April with applications on the DYCD website.

Bob Press expressed his concern about lack of communication with the Department of Education. He is concerned with Dennis Walcott's lack of connectivity with the Community Boards.

May Chin – Director of State and Intergovernmental Affairs

Cuts to Programs:

Ms. Chin provided us with a table outlining all of the programs which receive DYCD funding in CB8 neighborhoods.

Federal Level - the cuts are staggering. President Obama proposed a 50% cut in nationwide funds which directly impact programs for school aged youth. DYCD is one of 52 organizations in NY State and there are 1100 organizations like DYCD nationwide. DYCD most recently held an information session at Lincoln Hospital. This was one of many DYCD Community Outreach meetings held in 2011.

CB8 Youth Committee should consider drafting a resolution to address funding for OST programs for the remainder of the year. Communicating the proposed cuts to the community is essential. We should reach out to the Directors of RCC, KHCC, MMMCC and RNH to assess their needs and find ways to avoid any cuts in funding.

All concerned parties would like to maintain current funding to all DYCD programs at the current levels. If we must send out a letter we will. There is a chance funding may be reduced by 50-100%. Some CB's do a quick needs assessment and try to work with DYCD to address the direst need for OST and Youth Services. The needs assessment is often conducted by Neighborhood Advisory Boards. Most of the funding is driven towards Title 1 schools. The Mosholu Montefiore OST program at PS095 receives the most funding out of all DYCD funded programs in CB8. This is attributed to the fact that PS095 is a Title I school and the program provides services to children of the working poor. It is essential that funding continues for OST Programs in Kingsbridge Heights, Marble Hill and Van Cortlandt Village as the youth in these areas are in need of supportive services due to socioeconomic challenges.

The Youth Committee thanked both DYCD reps for their informative presentation.

Priority list:

- 1) Look into finding ways to continue funding or re-fund programs that have already been cut or are in danger of being cut
- 2) Reach out to providers of OST services to gauge their needs
- 3) Ask for active participation in Youth Committee meetings from all providers to keep everyone informed

Nicole Stent reminded all that there is going to be a "healthy communities assessment survey", which will cover all of Marble Hill and Kingsbridge Heights, conducted by Bon Secours. This service will be provided by the Bon Secours mission fund.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.
Minutes prepared by Colleen R. Hanley