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**Education Youth & Libraries  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 20,2021**

**ATTENDANCE:**

BOARD MEMBERS: Derek Perkinson, Keith Taylor

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Stephanie Palmer, Belinda Akoto, Dan Clark, Marquis Harrison, Tamara Martin, Crystal McKay, Milan Reed

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Deborah Yates (excused) Mari Moss, Joshua Clennon, Jamilah Clark, Afrika Owens, Jennifer Prince

STAFF PRESENT: Jasmin Heatley, Shatic Mitchell

GUEST PRESENTERS: Carlos Rosales and Jack Mullan, Citizen's Committee for Children; Yael Leopold, District 5: Kim Watkins, CEC3

**DISCUSSION**

**Agenda Item: Citizen's Committee for Children**

*Key Discussion Points:*

CCC is a multi-issue policy and advocacy not for profit organization located in NYC. They have successfully advocated for universal Pre-K for every 4 year old, local childcare tax credit and universal free lunch for all city public schools. They are known for their strong analytic work and have the largest database for child well being in the country. The organization monitors child well being in the 59 Community Board districts in NYC. The presenters shared with the committee and the community that over 110,000 children in CB10 live in temporary housing, ranking 6 out of the 59 Community Board Districts. Of significance is that the housing situation impacts these families access to the Internet and virtual learning capacity. Also in CB10, youth aged 16-24 who are not engaged in school or work (disconnected youth), doubled in 2020.

*Action Items:*

The committee will continue to work with CCC to examine the City Budget and its impact on Children, youth and families in our community. Specifically, we will monitor investments in summer programming, both education and work experience initiatives.



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### **Agenda Item: Update from Kim Watkins, President CEC3**

#### *Key Discussion Points:*

Ms. Watkins wanted to let the committee and the community know that the proposed summer education program (SUMMER RISING) is at risk because of the lack of nurses in the schools. The current nurses are contract employees, whose contracts are ending in June 2021. It is not clear if these contracts will be extended. The committee inquired as to why, parents whose children are in charter schools cannot serve on local education councils. Ms., Watkins explained that this decision is based on the differences in governance structures between, public schools and charter schools.

### **Agenda Item: District 5 Update**

#### *Key Discussion Points:*

Yael Leapold, the District 5 representative to the committee, reported on the Summer Rising Program that will replace traditional summer programming in the schools. The program will operate from July 6, 2021 through August 20, 2021. This schedule will vary based on the student's age. The Department of Youth and Community Development will manage the program and parents must apply in order for their child/children to participate.

Ms. Leapold also announced that schools in our district would receive millions of dollars from the Fair Student Funding Formula. This formula was adopted by the city in 2007. but the vast majority of schools never saw their full allotment of funding. Ms. Leapold stated that zip code should not determine the quality of a child's education. She anticipates that some of these dollars will be used to secure social workers and guidance counselors for children and youth in our district.

#### *Action items:*

We will alert the community about the Summer Rising Program and the need for parents to apply.



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## **Agenda Item: Proposed Designation of the NYPL, Harlem Branch and the Dorrance Brooks Square Historic District**

### *Key Discussion Points:*

The landmarks Preservation Commission held public hearings on April 20, 2021 to address the proposal to designate the Harlem Branch of the NYPL and the Dorrance Brooks Square. Both of these institutions have historical significance to African Americans, the Harlem community and CB10. This would be the first historical landmark to be named for an African American, Dorrance Brooks, a black serviceman who died in action while fighting in the first World War. The Harlem Branch of the NYPL was home to the Rose McClendon Players Workshop where Ossie Davis, renowned actor, was a member. This proposal had the support of Save Harlem Now, the Mt. Morris Park Association and board member Keith Taylor. Board member Taylor attended the meeting of the committee to share his perspective on the proposed designation. During the public hearing several speakers referenced and acknowledged the CB10 Preservation Plan.

## **Agenda Item: Planning Discussion for Future Presentations and Committee Events**

### *Key Discussion Points:*

The committee needs to determine what future events it makes sense to hold given the current pandemic restrictions.

### *Action Items:*

The Chair and Co Chair of the committee will reach out to committee members to build consensus and support to identify future events.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Arts and Culture Committee of Community Board 10 has announced the Harlem Talent Initiative on Monday, June 10, 2021.