

CB12M-Youth and Education Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 10, 2015

Meeting #7

Location: 530 West 166th Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10032

Committee Members Present: Fe Florimón, Chair; Maria Luna; Ayisha Oglivie; Glenis Aquino; Prescilla Mota- Willis

Committee Member (s) Absent: Manny De Los Santos; Estevan Nembhard; Jason Tejada
Excused: Alyce Smith, Assistant Chair

Board Member (s) Present: Richard Lewis, Chair of Housing and Human Services Committee

Community Member(s) and Guest (s): Mariel De La Cruz, Community Liaison for NYC Comptroller Agency; Elaine Delgado, Coordinator Officer for the Hispanic Society of America; Al Kurland, PAL-Armory Foundation; Jennifer Araujo, Rep. District Office; Joel Yoffie;

PART I: The meeting was called at 7: 10p.m by Fe Florimón, Chair

Members of the Committee and attendees were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves.

PART II: Discussion was conducted as indicated below:

- ❖ *Ms. Mariel De La Cruz, Community Liaison for NYC Comptroller Office was introduced as the new representative for the District 12-Washington Heights/Inwood Community.*
- ✓ Ms. De La Cruz started her presentation by thanking the committee for inviting her to the meeting and for the opportunity to present. Following her initial remarks, she provided an overview of her duties and the number of districts she has been assigned to work with and an update of some of the works her office is presently concentrating on. According to the Presenter she has recently joined the Comptroller's office. Part of her role include to represent her office among several Community Boards (five in Manhattan and about three in the Bronx) , assist them and keep them informed on the Comptroller's work. She is also responsible for reporting back to her office on any request made by any of these Board Offices.
- ✓ As for some updates, Ms. De la Cruz reported that her office is putting a lot effort on Physical Education in public schools. Her office is concern that many schools do not have Certify Teacher in physical education as the NYS laws requires. Presenter also asked for clarification and feedback about the Safety Officer in public schools who are (presumably) being pulled out of the school to patrol the streets. The answer provided was that the Safety Officers in public school are not the same Patrolling Officers on the streets. Those patrolling the streets are specifically Police Officers who are standing in the corner of the streets and who are also using patrol vehicles to keep the areas safe, therefore distinction was made on this matter.

- ✓ Member Luna, discussed briefly the about the pending funding owe to the NYC by the NYS and the striving effort of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity trying to rescue those funding. Mrs. Luna and Ms. Mota and of other folks (non members) also questioned how the public funding received by many organizations in the community to help the youth population are being used. Are these organizations really helping their intended target population? Can CB12 find this information through the Public Officials including the Comptroller Officer? However, these questions remain pending.

PART III

- ❖ The Committee held its preliminary discussion on their Budget Priorities for FY2017. During this discussion Members reviewed all items previously requested by the Committee on both Capital and Expense budgets and suggested on the possibility that several of these items from previous years may be not reconsidered again for FY 2017. However, the Chair encouraged Members to concentrate on the needs of the community and prioritize them before making their budget recommendations, which was highly suggested.
- ❖ Ms. Florimon asked for suggestions for the Y&EC's Saturday Meetings. Mr. Al Kurland suggested an event that involved community organizations that serves youth with the objective to interchange resources. District Attorney's representative Jennifer Araujo suggested to address violence (drug, gang, and others topic related to violence), and final suggestion was to have an initial meeting possibly Oct 3rd to brainstorm on the idea.
- ❖ Ms. Elaine Delgado was introduced by Ms. Florimon as a Development Officer for the Hispanic Society Museum & Library. Ms. Delgado discussed various educational programs being facilitated at the Hispanic Museum and also invited Committee Members and participants for their coming events "Cuentame un Cuadro@HispanicSociety" to be held on Saturday September 26, 2015 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. This workshop is also facilitated in Spanish for Families and Children and is related to the Painting of the Hispanic Society. The event is free. Ms. Deldago also shared several bilingual literatures pertaining to the rich history and work of the *Hispanic Society Museum & Library*.
- ❖ Mr. Joe Yoffie, Community Resident made an announcement of new Chess Pilot Program to be implemented in several public schools (M366, P.S 78 , P.S48, P.S. 5, P.S. 152 etc). Teachers will be trained in the field so they can teach students properly. However this is pilot program on one year.
- ❖ Jennifer Araujo, DA Office representative announced about a new Pilot Program (ACSP) available for Youth offenders waiting for trial. This program will allow young offenders (16 and 17 year of age) to wait for trial at home instead of jail. The goal of the program is to help them to have better success rate and encourage them into a positive path. While in this program, offenders will be able to go school/work and stay home with family. However, the use of GPS devise/ bracelet is mandatory and cannot be turned off because is use to monitor the offenders' travel distance. This program does not apply to offender with felony charge. And last, the Committee suggested inviting the District Attorney to one of its meeting soon.
- ❖ **Meeting adjourned @ 9:26pm**