

# CB12M- Youth & Education Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting #3

Monday, March 13, 2017

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Location: 530 West 166<sup>th</sup> St., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Committee Members Present:** Glennis Aquino; Ayisha Oglivie

**Committee Member (s) Excused:** Excused Florimón, Chair; Maria Luna

**Committee Member (s) Absent:** Luis Tapia; Estevan Nembhard

**Guest:** Ms. Natalie Espino, Representative for the CUNY In the Heights

**Community Members:** Al Kurland, Manager at the Police Athletic League; Karina Muñoz, SYEP Director at the YM&YWH; Mariela Perez Batista, NYP; Deasia More, RN –Hunter College, BSN; Jennifer Burger; Matt Gonzales, NY Appleseed

Glennis Aquino, Member opened the meeting at 7:10pm.

Attendees were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves. It was noted that Fe Florimon, Chair was absent due to a previous engagement.

Discussion was conducted as followed:

- Ms. Natalie Espino, a CUNY In the Heights representative, spoke about the Summer Professional Development Program they have running for summer 2017.
  - o The Summer Professional Development Program is an intensive three-week institute of workshops, seminars and international field research at Hostos Community College in NYC and Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. The content of the program focuses on the educational systems of both countries.
  - o The program provides an opportunity to learn about the Dominican-American experience and the language, history, education and culture of the Dominican Republic. It promotes inclusion and multicultural understanding.
  - o The program cost is \$2,500 which includes course fees at Hostos Community College and Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo, course materials, hotel stay, round-trip airfare, ground transportation and admission to museums and heritage sites.

- The application deadline is April 17<sup>th</sup> and Department of Education teachers can have the cost of the program covered by their schools.
- Ms. Natalie Munoz, a representative from the Summer Youth Employment Program, presented information on her organization.
  - This is a 6-week program that employs youth from the ages of 14 to 24 years old.
  - The program offers business owners employees at no cost to them for up to 25 hours a week.
  - Participants are chosen via a lottery system and they only need a social security number in order to apply.
- A representative from the Family Planning Center at New York Presbyterian gave information on her program and the services it offers.
  - Women: ages 14 to 49 and men: ages 14 to 35 are provided with family planning and counseling.
  - No medical insurance or documentation is needed to use any of the services, only photo identification.
  - Teens are also seen on a walk-in basis
  - Reproductive health workshops are available as well.
- Al Kurland, a PAL representative, spoke briefly on the Youth and Police Partnership Walk & Resource Fair. He gave a description of the event and what it will entail, as well as when it will take place. He encouraged all present organizations to reach out to the CB 12 Y&E committee if they would like a table at the event. Ms. Aquino also encouraged the participation of all community organizations and asked for all interested parties to reach out to her, Fe Florimon or District Manager Ebenezer Smith.
- Mike Gonzalez, a representative of the group New York Advocacy, spoke briefly on his organization and the work they do. NY Advocacy works to desegregate NYC public high schools. His group leads a Youth Diversity Council which helps students and parents with advocacy and leadership skills.
- **New Business/Old Business**
  - Ms. Aquino asked everyone to pick up a flier for the “CEC6 English Language Learners (ELL) & Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Parent Conference: Effective Communication.” The meeting will take place on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at George Washington Educational Campus and is open to all students and parents. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, along with Spanish translation services and childcare for children 5 years and older.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm