

# Public Meeting of the CB12M's Youth and Education Committee Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

**Meeting #10**

**Monday, December 10, 2018**

**Location: CB12M Office 530 West 166 Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10032**

<b>Committee Members Present:</b> Fe Florimon, Chair; Curtis Young; Mary O'Shaughnessy, Jonathan Nunez-Formeta
<b>Board Member(s) Excused:</b> Glennis Aquino, Assist Chair; Maria Luna; Gabriela Estrella;
<b>Public Member :</b> <b>Excused</b> Liane Ramirez,
<b>Committee Member(s) Absent:</b> Luis Tapia
<b>Board Member Present (s):</b> Sarah Fisher
<b>Guest: Presenter-</b> Liliete Lopez, New York Connects and Amber Quresh, GreenThumb NYC
<b>Present:</b> Sarah Fisher (Board Member)

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Fe Florimon @ 7:15pm.

### Discussion that took place as indicated below:

1. Members of the Committee and the audience were introduced by the chair followed by the review of agenda items.
2. Presentation by New York Connects at CIDNY, presented by Liliete Lopez, Outreach Specialist

**NY Connects serves individuals of all ages and income levels wanting to learn more about long term services and supports in New York City. They serve:**

- Adults of all ages living with a long term disability
- Adults with a disability regardless of income source(s) - this includes invisible disabilities such as diabetes, asthma, intellectual and those connected to substance abuse.
- Younger adults living with a long term disability
- Caregivers of adults and parents of children with a disability, and
- Professional service providers working with someone in need of long term services and supports
- They always can support with issues of accommodations, transportation access and employment services.

There main goal is to keep disabled residents independent and provide opportunities.

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## **3. The GreenThumb Youth Leadership Council, Presentation by Amber Qureshi, Council Coordinator**

- The GreenThumb Youth Leadership Council (YLC) provides high school youth ages 14–21 with the opportunity to volunteer at a community garden from May to August in New York City.
- Through YLC, students have the opportunity to learn firsthand from community gardeners how to maintain and grow a healthy garden, covering topics such as botany, agriculture, horticulture, composting, and community development. All program participants are required to volunteer at a garden at least twice a month, accumulating a minimum of 20 service hours.
- Youth can earn volunteer hours, give back to the community, learn new skills, and have fun!
- GreenThumb is a division of NYC Parks and provides resources and support to 500 community gardens throughout the five boroughs.
- There's an open call for schools now (started in September)
- Students receive MetroCard to attend.
- There are 15 gardens needing Youth Leadership Council members.
- Kick-off for the program is April 27, 2019

## **4. Old / New Business**

- **Announcement:** Youth and Police event planning group to meet in January. Begin to think about “Why youth and police interaction is important in our community?”
- **Announcement:** Holiday Season: Youth Performing for Seniors at the Isabella Geriatric Center located at 515 Audubon Avenue, New York, NY 10040
- **Announcement:** Creative Art Works is offering free art making. Free programs in multiple venues throughout Upper Manhattan providing safe, creative and engaging drop-in environments for youth ages 4-14.
- **Announcement:** Friends of Inwood - Mulchfest is January 4-13. Chipping machine will be available this year.

## **5. The meeting was adjourned approximately at 8:57pm**

**Submitted by:** Curtis Young