

Youth Education & Libraries Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2010 - 6:30 P.M.
583 Riverside Dr – 7th Floor
Co- Chairs Vernon Ballard & Winston Majette

Members present: Vernon Ballard, Winston Majette,

Public member: Joe Rogers

Absent members: Monique White, Miriam Aristy- Farer, Tisha Jackson, Danielle Chase, Vicky Gholson,

- Roll Call
- Minutes Adopted (Motion: Vernon Ballard, Second: Danielle Chase)
- Central Park East 1 Elementary School – New School Presentation
 - o Crystal Williams (parent and community organizer/education)
 - “Not all schools created equal”, i.e. gifted and talented programs.
 - Lived in Harlem numerous years, students never been to Harlem school because they teaching to test, lacking in diversity.
 - Hoping baby she is adopted can go to this school.
 - Currently her student goes to Delta program on 48th street.
 - (principal of school)
 - School is open zoned expect enrollment of 200
 - More applications than spots
 - 200 applicants for 12 spaces, mostly from districts 5 and 6
 - New school would be Pre-k to 8th
 - Most of seats would be set aside for families affected by incarceration
 - All classes are mixed grades (2 grades in each class)
 - 45min-1 hour doing self-initiated projects (ex: painting, cooking, building, etc.)
 - Kids are always fully engaged, it’s a fun learning environment.
 - Families are fully invested in school.
 - Arts and music programs funded beyond budget capacity.
 - Also connecting with Dorothy Day, who have supplied letter of support.
 - Also letter of support from Broadway Housing.
 - Envision the school will go up to 300 kids.
 - Currently no location for school.
 - Letter of intent has gone in, full application is due on July30th.
 - Looking for fill in staff, new hires. Some folks from CP1, but majority new hires. Ceila Hoier from TC, John Reddick, Ted from Midtown West also heavily involved. (Majority of these names are in the draft application handed into Vern).
 - o Harlem Textile Works

- Kevin McGrewter (Board of Directors)
- Design center for youth , independent since 1994.
- Licensing with Hallmark cards, JC Penny.
- Main programs focus with silkscreen. Come out of program with portfolio of prints, tote bags, sheets, etc.
- Program this summer: Fashion Art Camp
 - Monday-Thursday for 6 weeks. Instructors will work with them with workshops and take them on field trips.
 - Graphic Design, fashion, web design.
 - 20 seats for teenager (13-18) are open for the camp. 2 instructors.
 - Selection process: 1st come, 1st serve. Not expecting them to come with experience.
 - Program is \$600 (\$100 per week).
 - If they are able to identify funding they will put together scholarships.
 - Application is available on the website.
 - Harlemtextileworks.org
- They are working on funding
- Received funding from Council on Community Affairs.
- They also have adult programs.
- All information for programming is on website.
- Design program works with about 50 students a year, but there are many one day programs. In total, 150-200 students a year and about 75-150 adults a year.
- Children's Art Carnival (working with Harlem Textile Works for Fashion Art Camp)
 - Working to create arts education for youth.
 - Serve students age 4-21
 - High School internships funded by Dept. for Youth and Community Development.
 - Creative Arts Camp for 6-12 year olds.
 - \$795 for 6 weeks from July 7th to August 19th.
 - \$150 per week.
 - 62 Hamilton Terrace.
60 available seats open.
 - Currently planning open houses and institutional marketing to help fund carnival.
 - They are tax-exempt.
 - Betty Blatent Taylor started the Harlem arm of the Children's Art Carnival. MOMA actually started the organization in total.
- Community Board 9
 - Hamilton Grange:
 - 143,166 visits, 346 programs to clients
 - 8,800 individuals attended those programs

- 800 people over year used job placement service
- Partnered with one stop center with department of labor.
- Many programs that are all going to be cut. Programs exist until December but likely will not make it.
- 12 full-time staff members.
- Staffing and hours have already been cut. 2 staff members have already been cut.
- During hours of 3-8pm, this is time children are getting in trouble. We are only agency open at this time.
- Fiscal year is July-June.
- 17 desktops and several laptops available for check-out.
- Community space available and well-used.
- George Bruce Branch
 - 518 West 125th st.
 - 8 full time staff members.
 - In last 12 months: 285 programs. 4,400 people. Circulation 120,764. 121,888 visitors.
 - Programs: computer classes, Wii Gaming, toddler time program (if they can continue).
 - Community Space available. Used by CB9, census meetings, and other organizations.
 - Proposal for garden space status: seeing about letter of support, but may be some hang-ups.
- Morningside Heights
 - Broadway and 113th St
 - Last year: 240,000 and over 1,000 items circulate.
 - 9 Full-time staff members, 4 volunteers, have not lost anyone. Washington Heights closed a branch and we took on another person because we got much busier.
 - Over 40 computers.
 - 10-7 Mon-Thursday. 10-5 Saturday and Sunday.
 - Programs: Wii Station, teen center, free laptops, safe place to go until nighttime.
- New York Public Libraries (Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island): 736 people will lose their jobs (1/3 of all full-time staff). 10 branches will close. Libraries will only be open 4 days a week.
- Campaign petition: They are shooting for 40,000 letters to go to City Councils office.
- Schools: Bank street schools, Columbia has brought 1st grades, harlem success academy sends reading lists.
- Blue Nile Rite to Passage:
 - Program for youth of color September-May.
 - Try to teach history, finance, etc.

- Mentorship provided.
- Currently working with Thurgood Marshall Academy, George Westing House, many others.
- 90 students. Not all students in the Rite to Passage program the first time.
- Recruitment and selection of mentors: about 80 mentors. Selection through literature, church, non-profit education.
- Selection of mentees: Application process starts in August. It is first come first serve. Male and female.
- Charles Cooper will forward the website and application to CB9 youth and education committee.
- Meetings at Thurgood Marshall Academy (135th and 8th).
- Age range: 12-17.
- Continuing Education Program (leadership development program). Works with new Look Usher Program. Some young daughters and young sons have written grant to help fight Malaria in Africa.
- District 5 Science and Math Expo
 - Saturday, May 22, PAL Harlem 369th Armory. 11:00AM-3:00PM
- Youth Council
 - Harlem Youth Council (HYC): The center for possibility (Atom logo).
 - Tentative dates for youth job fair: August 21st. Secondary date: August 7th.
 - Slogan: Fight the recession
 - Resume people
 - Job Readiness workshop (Paola Campos).
 - Discussion about Assata Shakur center
 - Questions about involvement about Transform America
 - We need something in writing about roles of CB9 and roles of Transform America.
 - We need to send a budget proposal to Transform America
 - Executive Committee should have by-laws
 - Possibility for them working in the CB9 office
- DOE co-location of Hamilton heights school and PS 153
 - Meeting to discuss the long island city option
- Teachers College Demonstration School
 - Currently working on application. Need a principal to really complete application.
 - We also need them to quantify the programs that they will have in the schools. They will not have that until Sept (Fall)
- Boys and Girls Club
 - Vern talked to Jizelle. They are still working with same plan (affordable housing). They can do it with or without it being re-zoned. City planning is waiting for CB to give them some kind of consensus.

- Next Steps: disseminate actual information. Encourage Jizelle to present to general body before end of the year (before summer).
- Harlem School of the Arts:
 - New board, same interim executive director.
 - Concern about rescue plan: Bloomberg was the catalyst. Same situation when got money from the empowerment zone. Money ran out and they got distressed.
 - Need to revitalize the parents association.
 - Need better outreach.
- CCNY Update:
 - Vern talked to Karen Witherspoon. They are supposed to do strategic community outreach. Vern will try and work with her to try and develop internships/work study. They can be assigned to CCNY and she can assign them to CB9.
- DYCD:
 - Summer Youth Employment Program. Deadline is Friday, May 21st.
 - Are we disseminating this information to parent coordinators?
 - Fatima will scan and send to parent coordinators.
- CB9 Youth Town Hall
 - Tabled
- CB9 Resource Guide
 - Finance and budget is meeting next Monday to go over proposals for website.

Joe graduation: TC Monday at 4pm, Columbia Tuesday @ 2:30pm. YAY JOE!

Submitted by Daneille Chase

