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Education, Youth & Young Adults Services Committee Minutes

March 12th, 2025

Zion Baldwin, Committee Chairperson

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Introductions and New Business

- Zion Baldwin introduces himself as the chair of the committee and asks board members to introduce themselves.
- Daniel Barber introduces himself as the chair of the public and Supportive Housing Committee.
- Patricia Simpson TA introduces herself as the president of Patterson Houses and community board one.
- Mohammed Sheik introduces himself as the chair of the immigration committee and member of the executive committee.
- Claudia Rahman introduces herself as a community board member.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan introduces himself as the district manager for the community board one, accompanied by his team members Steven Palmers and Diana Leonard.

Presentation from NYC Lincoln Hospitals and Guns Down, Life Up

- Zion Baldwin moves the agenda to the presentation from NYC Lincoln Hospitals and Guns Down, Life Up.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan recaps the last meeting, mentioning the recommendation to move forward with the education and youth program.
- The full board decided to table the item to allow for comments from residents association presidents and other stakeholders.
- James Dobbins, the Director at Guns Down, Life Up, begins the presentation, detailing the mission, services, and leadership of the program.

- The program aims to reduce violent injuries among young people and prevent recidivism through intervention, prevention, and community mobilization.

Program Components and Success Stories

- James Dobbins explains the three components of the program: violent interrupters, outreach workers, and hospital responders.
- The program includes family support groups, funeral services, and safety transfers for victims.
- The prevention component includes after-school programs, music, media, fashion, and dance activities.
- The program has been to over 400 schools and has a special Youth Ambassador Program.
- James Dobbins highlights the success stories of participants who have not been involved in law or ER incidents since 2017.

Community Support and Challenges

- Ms. Bell, a mother of two adopted teenagers, shares her positive experience with the program.
- Gilly Delgado, a community activist, emphasizes the importance of the program and the need for continued support.
- Committee Chairperson Daniel Barber expresses the need for the public housing committee to be involved in discussions about program extensions.
- James Dobbins concludes the presentation, highlighting the need for more funding to expand the program's reach.

Discussion and Voting on Letter of Support

- District Manager Anthony Jordan reads the letter of support from Community Planning Board Number One, expressing strong commitment to the program.
- The letter requests additional funding to enhance and expand program services in specific NYCHA developments.
- Gilly Delgado explains the current service areas and the need for more funding to effectively cover all necessary areas.
- Committee Chairperson Daniel Barber and other board members discuss the importance of involving resident leaders and public housing committees in discussions.

Job Fair Planning and Updates

- Member Joyce Pulphus provides an update on the job fair planning, including the goal of having at least 20 employers and 300 attendees.

- Confirmed city agencies include NYPD, Department of Sanitation, and FDNY, with military recruits also confirmed.
- The need for more volunteers and better promotion of the job fair is emphasized.
- Member Patricia Simpson offers to reach out to schools and community agencies to help promote the job fair.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- District Manager Anthony Jordan makes a comment about parliamentary procedures and the need for agency confirmations.
- A motion to adjourn the meeting is made and passed by the board members.

Action Items

- Provide a letter of support for the "Guns Down, Life Up" program to expand their services to NYCHA developments.
- Schedule regular meetings between the "Guns Down, Life Up" program and the NYCHA resident leaders to improve communication and coordination.