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**February 5, 2013 Joint Education & Culture and Youth Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

PRESENT: Albert D'Angelo, Chair; Diane Norris, Co-chair; Joann Terrelonge, Chair; Denise Giocondo, Co-chair; Bernadette Ferrara; Shradhanand Pirtam; Janice Walcott; Tony Vitaliano, Ex-officio.

ABSENT: Ruth Burko.

EXCUSED: Linda White.

GUEST(S): Abdul Johnson, Community Board 3; Ron Cicatelli, Senator Klein's Office; Anita Antonetty, Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD); Bharati S. Kemraj, CB11 Community Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Ron Cicatelli spoke about an internship for Senator Klein's office. He stated that resumes from our community will be accepted for consideration.

New school on Lydig Avenue – Diane has requested from Senator Klein's office information regarding the progress of the school.

NYC DYCD Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) Liaison Anita Antonetty:

A NAB is a federal community block grant program to provide services to assist people to get out of poverty. The grant is administrated through DYCD and funds youth programs, programs for the elderly and resources for programs. To become a member of the NAB, you must be a resident of the [area](#) and are required to read proposals from people who would like to apply for the grant. This is per board, and there are 12 slots per board. At present, there are four open slots. Anita is presenting to us in order to recruit from Board 11 to fill the necessary slots. To obtain an application, call (212) 442-5880 or go to the DYCD [website](#).

In June, a needs assessment study will be done to assess the needs of the community via town hall meetings. Funds of 50k will be given to programs based on their proposals. Al said that long-standing community programs have been funded and newer programs have not received the same funding because the track record of newer programs has not been proven.

The DYCD website offers jobs, internships, after school programs, reading, writing and immigrant services, and family support, runaway homeless and youth services. [Youth Connect](#) is the DYCD hotline.

Bernadette asked if there are any restrictions as far as where programs are held. Anita indicated that these concerns are asked of the agencies, which apply for funding. Anita suggested reaching out to Wendy Garcia for assistance.

Abdul Johnson, former Youth Chair for Community Board 3 (1-718-908-3009), reached out to youth within his community to see what their needs are. Combining the requests of the participants since 2005 he has instituted a Bronx initiative that evolved into an all-league sports program which Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. supports. This program, currently called C-Ball, would involve people 18 years of age or older from various community boards.

Abdul is waiting the 501c3 status in order to get funding for the C-Ball initiative. The program would allow each board to pick their own venue. Abdul is asking for one member of CB11 to serve on the C-Ball Committee that would meet once a month

Al has raised the points of CYD leagues having similar programs and Abdul indicated that his proposal would not interfere with established programs.

The program would serve as a model to integrate young people “across the board” so that they see how boards operate, how different community organizations exist, how young people become an asset to the neighborhood.

Abdul is looking to start the program in April 2013, which would engage participants to play against elected officials and organizations such as the NYPD, NYFD and others. Once the program takes off there would be additional programs.

Bernadette asked if Abdul knows of “the door in the City,” which houses youth-needs activities all in one place.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Minutes taken by Denise Giocondo.