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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

EDUCATION, LIBRARIES, & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, February 9th, 2011 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Chair's Committee Yvette Page called to order at 6:35pm – Attendance sheet on file – Quorum established.
 - A. Committee members present: Yvette Page, Jay Shuffield, Adaline Walker, Ezequiel Jiménez. CB7 member Andrew Laiosa attended; and two community members, Mr. Lawrence Parker and Mr. Abe Bolden.
- II. Finalize "Statement of Purpose"
 - A. The first item on the agenda was that finalize the "Statement of Purpose" for the Civic Engagement Trainee Program (CTE). Committee's chair, Yvette Page began reading the "Statement of Purpose."
 - B. The proposal includes fundamental issues such as purpose, recruitment, scope, benefits, and requirements for eligibility and for post acceptance requirements.
 - C. The committee reviewed and approved the proposal pending a few changes for the CET Program.
- III. Cultural Affairs
 - A. Local artist Lawrence Parker spoke about his artistic-painting project which consists of a series of his paintings exploring beauty, landmarks, and celebrities of the Bronx. According to Mr. Parker, these paintings will be printed as posters and postcards. The purpose of this project is to help with the revitalization of the Bronx.
 - B. Actions
 1. Some suggestions by committee members were made to Mr. Parker to search for sponsors.
 2. Recommended approaching elected officials for support.
 3. Bronx private institutions (i.e. Bronx Lebanon Hospital or Montefiore Hospital).
 4. Ask for a letter of support from Community Boards.
- IV. Committee/Board member Ezequiel Jiménez made a presentation of his research on art and cultural organizations in the district. According to Jimenez, there are not many options where community residents have access to free arts and cultural event for low-income families. In our district, we have conventional art and cultural institutions such as Lehman Center for the Performance Arts, but this is very expensive for many of our families' resident.
 - A. Jimenez suggested the idea to establish an annual arts festival using local venues such as community centers and educational institutions as a way to begin to encourage the arts and culture in the district as well as an incentive for local groups.
 - B. Actions: Mr. Jiménez will invite few members of Bronx Latin Arts Project to share their vision about art and culture in local venues as well as explore the idea for an annual arts festival in the near future.
- V. Preparatory training programs in the district
 - A. Committee member Adaline Parker presented her research about preparatory programs currently available to help students of District 10 to get into specialized high schools (i.e. Bronx Science). She couldn't find any free programs available to help students.
- VI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM