



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

EDUCATION, LIBRARIES, & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:35pm – Attendance sheet on file – Quorum established

- II. Civic Engagement Trainee Program (CET)
 - A. The following topics were discussed:
 1. Middle school vs. high school students
 2. Hours of participation
 3. Parental consent
 4. Legal requirements (i.e. liability, age)
 5. Level of interest
 6. Ability to handle responsibilities
 - B. Action:
 1. Although high school students may be more advanced, the general consensus is that 14-16 are suitable ages for participation. Middle school students represent a vulnerable age group and our goal is to reach this at risk population.
 2. Students will not be held past 7:45pm allowing time for them to utilize their bus passes if necessary
 3. Completion of a parental consent form will be a requirement for student participation
 4. There is not additional liability involved when students are on the premises of CB 7. Students are legally allowed to work beginning at the age of 14
 5. The recruitment process will draw students who are interested
 6. Program requirements are generally not beyond the ability/maturity level of the average 14-16 year old
 - C. Attendance at City Council meetings:
 1. Some CB 7 Board members raised concerns regarding the feasibility of students attending City Council meeting due to conflicts of scheduled meeting times and school hours.
 2. Action: Requirements were changed from attendance at City Council meeting to attendance at Public Hearings. A CB 7 member would also be in attendance at said meeting
 3. Internship: The internship period would last approximately 6 months. Students would be mentored by committee chairs or members. After acceptance into the program, the schedule would be as follows: Initial orientation in October - student "Break-Out" session, January - final wrap-up, March, program completion, April. Students would be given an opportunity (approximately 10 minutes) to present their projects to their committees as well as at the General Board meetings as public speakers.
 4. Program Promotion: There was discussion regarding creation of a video highlighting the program posted on Facebook. Also discussed was producing flyers for distribution to schools, libraries, etc.
 5. Action: The CB 7 intern was mentioned as a possible candidate for helping with the video. Education committee members are willing to supply necessary paper for flyers

III. Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm