

**COMMUNITY BOARD SIX
YOUTH/HUMAN SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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***** MINUTES *****

Presentation and discussion with various Red Hook community-based organizations on the programs and services they provide to our local community.

Maria – Solid change starts with empowering the youth.

- No high school in the neighborhood
- No train station nearby – kids travel two hours to get to school
- 55% don't graduate
- 60% unemployment
- Health screenings
- Jobs to the Red Hook community

What should be here that's not here? Wants the Red Hook Initiative to expand and collaborate with other local groups.

Jessica – Red Hook Community Justice Center. Visitors globally to replicate what they do.

- Lack of high schools near here leads to drop outs and hurts school program participation
- Three elementary schools – Charter schools are trying to create another K-5 school out of self-interest newcomers.

Red Hook Initiative goals:

- Serve 19-24 year olds with comprehensive services.
- IKEA and Fairway donate food and furniture but have not invested in the community.

Local hiring – who's responsible for oversight?

- Even those hired – there were no extra job training and support for single mothers.
- No tracking of who remains.
- No ongoing local hiring
- No investment in community
- Not even a board for community posting
- Discretionary funding from elected

Internship:

CB6 tries to do outreach to secure internships especially paid ones.

1. Lack of neighborhood local school
2. Local hiring follow-up
3. Investment in community

Talk to electeds and then ask entities to come see what they deliver on. What was expected?