

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
YOUTH/HUMAN SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 22, 2015

PRESENT:

P. BELLENBAUM
A. FAIOLA
J. LI
S. TURET

F. BROWN
E. FELDER
D. RAMOS
R. UNDERWOOD

R, CERVONE
L. HILL
B. SOLOTAIRE

EXCUSED:

E. CAUSIL-RODRIGUEZ
F. JEAN

K. ENO
M. SCOTT

R. FREEMAN
A. SHEFRIN

ABSENT:

A. ANANTHARAMAN

T. JACKSON

C. PETERSEN

GUESTS:

A. BAKIS – CITY PARKS FOUNDATION

*****MINUTES*****

Presentation and discussion with representatives for the City Parks Foundation on the free after school program available to middle school students at the Red Hook Recreation Center.

The City Park Foundation presentation was made by representative, Anna Bakis.

- Program – Red Hook Recreation Center
- Prior center – Middle School
- Ask for input – starting in March
- Not many feeder schools
- Only 2 kids registered – Middle School difficult
- Major pushing of the program
- Environs – Ecology in parks (turtles, animals, plants, herbs)
- Media, Arts – video, photography, animation
- Healthy living – cooking

Questions – 3rd Grade.

Middle school not many.

Transportation to after school? Yes

Elementary to 5th grade. PS15 – 5 to 6th grade

How engaging kids in after school activities?

- 3 hour programs can do _____ and cookies
- Funding for 3 years
- _____ within Housing. New director said it is for those who live there.
- City Park Foundation on city property

- Added value - _____ for service in contact with them.
- Outreach to Summit Academy – reached one child
- Tenant association – both
- PS 15
- Basics brought up at meetings – 1 to 12 probably
- Not sure for private school
- Collaborative studies and Y (suggested _____ to accept there yet
- Day camp – five flyers to kids suggestions
- Not running summer camp yet
- Do you have website?
- Do you have on Brooklyn Paper?
- Red Hook Paper has article
- Reach out to Mancheca and Lander
- Kids may be in after school programs
- Middle school – conference night flyer
- Group of kids to be reached
- Mark Twain Middle School – reach groups – they like to be with friends.’
- Give cards for their friends
- Idea – pant fruit
- Idea – Plan trip from schools to facility
- Idea – Let CB6 know about activities to advertise it
- Idea – trips after schools – Cobble Hill, Park Slope. Go beyond Red Hook

What is staffing?

Director – Anna Bakis - Science degree
One Media artist and one sports coach.

The flyer has the website and phone number.

Presentation and review of New York State Senate Bill S61-2015, an act to amend the executive law, the civil rights law and the education law, in relation to prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity or expression; and to amend the penal law and the criminal procedure law, in relation to including offenses regarding gender identity or expression within the list of offenses subject to treatment as hate crimes.

Squadron – Zeeshan Ott

Bill – Montgomery/passed Senate now will go to the Assembly.

Gender Expression Non-Discriminatory Act

- How you express it
- Prevents discrimination
- 10 counties/60% protected
- Some counties don't have it
- Give it to 100%
- Passed Assembly
- CB6 supports it

- Police heads in favor of it

Q. What entity sees that it is carried out?

A. It varies according to complaint.

Q. 17% _____restaurant restroom – woman/man goes in and gets kicked out of restaurant. What happens?

A. Doesn't come out as example yet.

Q. Put sex as identified to change birth certificate IDs – need state law to make it legal.

A. Yes, there are ways to change sex on documents.

Assembly – bathroom example – Accusation of extending special rights/assembly – it has not come out in Senate

Q. Senate sponsors?

A. Yes, Democrats.

- Building more bridges, brings more support. Advocacy is important. New York State needs to make support.
- .Adding it to other categories like hate crime.
- Women's organization support it.

Motion to support agenda for Bill S61-2015 made by Paige Bellenbaum and seconded by Robert Underwood.

Senate – working on more support. Assembly – in favor.

Restaurants – additional restroom – gymnasium also?

Point of order – Rob. Motion - Gender Identity exists in NYC. Other countries need to update. Gender neutral. Sister Cervone is against the motion. Complete support by everyone else.

The minutes of the March 25 meeting were reviewed. Bill was voted on. UFT language was adopted and full CB6 Board sent it to the committee.

- Too long
- Too wordy
- Choice of language

VOTE: 10.....YEAS 1.....NAYS 0.....ABSTENTIONS

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Suzanne Turet reads part of the bill. We voted on a different version, budget passed. We have been asked to look at it.

Paige Bellenbaum suggests 13 and 15 be dropped.

Suzanne Turet thinks Cuomo proposal bad for the children. Tests are hard for children. Not sure what is difference between 13 and 15. We need to speak with one voice. Robert Underwood - District 13 trying to get Community Board forward on to us. Have a number for District 13 and 15 to examine them.

Paige Bellenbaum asked if it will be more powerful to make decision now or next month. Administration on next _____ is based on grades on text. Suzanne Turet said it is a state not a city resolution. Rob Underwood said bill passed may be with help of Teacher evaluation. Suzanne Turet – we are trying to let our opinion be known – date problems. We can make a statement to have it on record. 13 wanted us to pass resolution for 15 to have some voice. We did not.

Rob Underwood – look at Teacher evaluation resolution. Suzanne Turet said we should pass one every month.

Should we pass proposal or wait until next month?

Suzanne Turet made a motion to take motion to table until next month to look at resolution clearly. Proposed by Daniel Ramos and seconded by Paige Bellenbaum.

VOTE: 10.....YEAS 0.....NAYS 1.....ABSTENTIONS
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EVENT:

Solataire – April 30th at school.

- List distributed to event youth.
- Given names to all if useful for day, journalists, architects, Barclay
- Menchaca on panel to open
- Thank you to Lyn Hill for flyer
- Rachel K for photography
- Not searching for new people – firming up what we have.
- Diverse panel – list
- Paige – waiting Board of Elections
- May 9th – date for finalizing participants.
- Make list of those who confirmed
- Went over who else to invite
- Press release

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.