Youth and Education Committee
Tuesday, October 8th, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Board Office

*** MINUTES ***

Present: Yolanda Brown, David Giordano, Jada Heredia, Elsie Encarnacion, John Green, Malik McCullough, Mahfuzur Rahman, Isaac Scott, Jason Villanueva, Carly Wine (staff), and Jason Wu

Absent:

Excused: Shawn Smith

Guests: Paul Dawkins, NYSOM

Call to Order– Adoption of the Agenda
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Reverend Yolanda Brown made a motion to adopt the agenda and Mahfuzur Rahman seconded the motion.

1. Presentations & Discussions

   a. Committee discussion on FY 2021 Statement of District Needs and Budget Requests
The Committee continued with their in-depth discussion as it related to the Statement of District Needs & Budget Priorities and really wrestled with how to best state our asks. For example: whether we broke up the ask or combined the asks as it related to schools needs around Electrical Upgrades, Air Conditioning, Bandwidth and really gave thought as to how we should approach, advocate and who to follow up with our requests. After much back & forth with previous requests, we decided and made our priorities by removing, adding new one, editing and reworking old ones.

   b. Committee exercise – how do measure success?

The Committee Chair then led a team building exercise examining how each committee member measures success of a community board committees’ accomplishments, specifically the Youth & Education committee’s work and roles and expectations of members. At the previous meeting the chair gave each member a series of questions to prepare for the exercise. The Committee Chair felt it was important to spend time examining and clarifying roles, responsibilities and commitment to addressing and working on community needs as it relates to committee work entered around youth & education and to reinforce a commitment to advocacy in achieving success on behalf of those we represent.
c. Committee discussion on committee mission and goals for 2019 – 2020

The Committee chair then spent some time first talking about vision and mission statements and why they are important to our work and equally important is to take the time each year to review, reflect, edit and adapt our statements because they should evolve in our work based on the needs of the community and the members leading the work to address those needs. The members then spent time reviewing the committee’s previous goals and work we have accomplished or not and which will be our goals for the upcoming year and the importance of follow-up and advocacy on the goals. We tabled setting up next year’s goals to the November meeting.

2. New Business

   a. Commitment to Advocacy

During the entire meeting, the Committee Chair, continued to stress the importance of the committee members to be committed to advocacy and follow up and that without those two areas of commitment, we are just putting words on paper as it for example relates to the Statement of District Needs and Budget Priorities. The Committee Chair stressed and challenged committee members to actively participate in follow-up and advocacy.

3. Old Business

4. Announcements

5. Adjournment