Youth and Education Committee  
Tuesday, November 12th, 2019, 6:30 p.m.  
Board Office

*** MINUTES ***

Present: Yolanda Brown, David Giordano (chair), Jada Heredia, John Green, Malik McCullough, Nilsa Orama (ex oficio), Mahfuzur Rahman, Isaac Scott, Jason Villanueva, Carly Wine (staff), and Jason Wu

Absent: 

Excused: Elsie Encarnacion

Guests: Jelysa Roberts, DOE; Xavier Santiago, CB11M; A Valerio, DANY; Jawn Bramble, Union Settlement; Emily Shafran, CB11M Intern

1. Call to Order– Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Vice Chair Rev. Brown, who is facilitating Committee meetings. John Green made a motion to adopt the agenda and Mahfuzur Rahman seconded the motion. Committee Chair informed the Committee that Scan Harbor would not be in attendance this evening to present.

2. Presentations & Discussions

CB 11 Youth Symposium Proposal, CB 11 Vice Chair Xavier Santiago,

Xavier Santiago gave an overview of a proposal for CB 11 to conduct a Youth Symposium to address effects of youth-on-youth violence & community violence within East Harlem CB 11. The idea would to bring youth and community together from various neighborhoods with a focus on youth living in and surrounding NYCHA Housing in East Harlem in order to address solutions to the violence affecting youth. The idea would be to partner with other committee’s and other community stakeholders to put on the symposium in Spring 2020. The proposal was met with great enthusiasm, several questions were raised which needed further discussion and planning, such as: Would and how would youth be involved in the planning and implementation of the event? (Which many members felt strongly about); What would be the purpose and are all committees on board? Who would be the target population? Youth and/or Adults? During
the discussion, it was suggested that the Board develop a CB 11 task force to work on and develop a full CB 11 sponsored symposium. Members agreed, Mr. Santiago said he would but together a task force of the following committees: Youth & Education, Public Safety, Housing & Human Services. The Youth & Education committee was overall enthusiastic, and several members suggested that they wanted to be part of CB 11 Task Force.

Union Settlement’s partnership with Citi Bike: Jawn Anthony Bramble, Program Director

Mr. Jawn Anthony Bramble gave a brief overview of Union Settlement’s partnership with Citi Bike New York to promote use of Bike Riding among New Yorkers and to increase usage with a focus on NYCHA residents by offering a $5.00 fee for Citi Bike monthly usage. He informed the committee that they are available to come out and do presentations informing East Harlem residents about promoting bike riding and

3. Old Business

Youth & Education Committee: Discussion on committee mission and goals for 2019 – 2020
The Committee had a long and in-depth discussion regarding the review of the mission and past goals, success and failures and worked diligently in the development of both a New Mission Statement and a new set of goals to focus the committee’s work with a focus on advocacy. There was also follow-up discussion regarding the symposium and how we can include that work into our goals. Please see attached Mission Statements and 2020 Goals

4. Announcements

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. Jason Villanueva made a motion to adjourn and Isaac Scott seconded the motion.
Manhattan Community Board 11

Youth & Education Committee

2020 Mission & Goals

Mission

The Youth & Education Committee advocates for funding, programs, and policies that benefit youth. We advocate for youth leadership, academic excellence, and knowledge of social justice issues in our community. We seek to develop and maintain positive relationships with all local stakeholders. We strive to give a direct voice to the youth of this community and to assist them consistent with our mission and goals.

Goals

- Increase youth attendance and participation in CB11 Youth & Education Committee;
- Conduct Community Board forums that address the needs of youth;
- Conduct activities and advocate to support the needs of youth;
- Facilitate Safe Spaces for Peer Mentorship