Youth and Education Committee
Tuesday, September 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Board Office

*** Minutes***

Present: David Giordano, John Green, Jason Villanueva, Thomas Herrera (staff), Yolanda Brown, Mahfuzur Rahman, Malik McCullough, Jada Heredia

Excused: Shawn Smith; Elsie Encarnacion, Lilybelle Gonzalez

Guests: Lasana Tunica El, Educators for Excellence; Madai Velez, DANY; Paul Dawkins, NYSOM; Tommy Lee; Lauren Edmonds; Alqueena Reed, Barnard College; Kimber Begard; Sheenah Taylor; Eric Peterson, NYC Parks; Jessica Hoch, RIPA; Malicah Diane Preston, Malicah’s Keepers

1. Call to Order– Adoption of the Agenda

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. John Green made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Yolanda Brown and passed unanimously.

2. Announcements

   a. Thomas Herrera announced that the Full Board meeting will take place on Wednesday June 20th instead of Tuesday June 19th. The location will remain the same.

   b. Party on Park will take place on Sunday, September 30th from 12pm-4pm

3. Presentations & Discussions

   a. Randall’s Island Park Alliance to present on their Park as Lab Initiative.

      i. Jessica Hoch (RIPA) presented the “Park-as-Lab” (PAL) initiative that aims to cultivate leaders of all ages into becoming innovators in the world of urban ecology. RIPA has many partnerships with universities and schools throughout the city. Ms. Hoch expressed the desire to strategize
and work with community board members in hope of seeking opportunities to expanding programs to the youth in East Harlem

4. Old Business

   a. Budget and Statement of District Needs

      i. The committee successfully deliberated on the requests and statement.

5. Adjournment

   Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm