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Youth & Education Committee Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 6:00pm Board Office

***** Minutes *****

Present: David L Giordano, John Green, Nilsa Orama, Wendy Hewlett, Mahfuzur Rahman, Emily Grajales, Peggy Morales, Carlos Diaz, Neil Flynn

Absent:

Excused:

Guest(s): Russel Shuler, Lillybelle Gonzalez, Bennett Schalnsly, Daniel White, Stephanie Greene, Jasmine Hughes, Keena Laster, Simon Green, George Ball, Stephanie Cordero, Erica Jane, Danielle Sullivan, Medai Velez, Seville

1. Opening Remarks

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:05 welcoming committee members, presenters & guests. The Chair asked Board Members to introduce themselves as we had new Community Board Members joining today for their first committee meeting.

Motion regarding Adoption of Agenda was made by Nilsa Orama and seconded by Peggy Morales.

2. Discussions/Presentations:

a. Sportime Youth programming

Daniel White and Bennett Schlansky asked to present at Community Board 11's Youth & Education as well as to the Parks Committee to give updates on their youth programming and reach out to CB11 to identify additional sites that they can engage regarding offering tennis to youth of East Harlem.

Both Mr. White and Mr. Schlarsky gave an in-depth presentation on their mission to: *Expose as many kids to tennis as they can*; and the current and upcoming tennis services available through Sportime's facility located on Randall's Island and at places in the community that can accommodate offering tennis. Mr. White opened by thanking Community Board 11 for the support and past collaboration in identifying local schools and CBOs who Sportime was able to offer reach out to and offer tennis services to children through programs, schools and individual scholarships. Currently they are serving 44 youth in their scholarship program citywide and six are from East Harlem. They mentioned their summer tennis program try-outs for June 25th and on June 18th & 19th Tennis Coaches from various colleges will look at potential youth for scholarships to their college. They also talked about merit scholarships that were

available for youth and want to increase youth from Harlem, East Harlem and the South Bronx. They also provide information regarding court time for adults such as private times as well as the Parks Department Permit system and process, which anyone can apply for a small fee.

Mr. White and Mr. Schlansky stated that they are looking to expand their mission of exposing more youth to tennis and once again are coming before the CB 11's Committees to ask for places, agencies, CBO's and schools that might want to offer tennis lessons on site at the Sportime Facility or at a CBO's site within their summer camp and/or After-School programming. The committee members started identifying and mentioning potential sites that Sportime can reach out- The Committee Chair mentioned that we would put together a list and forward to Sportime with potential sites and contact persons.

The Committee supported Sportime's effort to increase local youth participation and the Committee Chair mentioned that CAS EHC was also a recipient of these services that they bring to the site as opposed to providing at Sportime facility. The program was run extremely well and it was easier to move the Tennis Instructor to a community site than a whole group to the Sportime facility during after-school programming.

b. Review of FY18 Statement of District Needs & Budget Priorities

Mia Brezin opened the discussion by summarizing the Statement of District Needs & Budget Priorities process and that we would begin by first reviewing last year's submission and to determine if last year's Youth Committee needs and priorities were met, not met, partially met, have no chance of being met, should be continued, adjusted and/or changed, as well as identifying any new needs or priorities. Ms. Brezin then started the discussion in evaluating and assessing last year's needs and priorities. We reviewed both the Capital and Discretionary needs and priorities and made the committee members had a healthy discussion with various changes to better represent the District Needs and Budget Priorities for the Youth & Education Committee. The Committee Chair and Ms. Brezin would review the committee's suggestions and re-work and present these changes at the next meeting. The committee members had valuable in depth discussion regarding a better sense of how to

3. Old Business

4. New Business

a. The Children's Aid Society East Harlem - Play-Street Application:

During this portion of the meeting, the Committee Chair David Giordano recused himself as Chair and asked Nilsa Orama to chair this portion of the meeting as Mr. Giordano, Director of The Children's Aid Society East Harlem Center presented to the committee CAS' request for Community Board approval to operate a Play-Street on 101st Street between Lexington and Park Avenue from July 1st, 2016 through August 19th, 2016. Mr. Giordano informed the Committee that CAS EHC has operated a play-Street since the 1970s providing youth of East Harlem with a safe space to enjoy and engage in many activities. The program operates from 8:00 to 5:00 five days a week and supports the Camp programming. Several Board Committee members spoke highly of the program and a motion was made to approve CAS' application.

A motion was made by Wendy Hewlett to approve The Children's Aid Society East Harlem Center's application to provide a Play-Street on 101st Street between Lexington and Park Avenue from July 1st, 2016 through August 19th, 2016. The Motion was second by John Green and passed unanimously: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions and One Present Note Voting David L. Giordano.

5. Policy Update

6. Announcements:

- a. Madai Velez announced that June is Gun Violence Awareness Month and the DA's office was sponsoring an "End Gun Violence" (EGV) Initiative. She also announced that there was a successful Gun Buy Back on May 7th and another scheduled for June 18th.
- b. Madai Valez also announced that there would be a Job Education Fair for youth from age 14-24 year olds at Jefferson Recreation Center.
- c. Danielle Sullivan announced District 4 is sponsoring a "First Books" event in which the District will be handing out free books for families on May 14th. Parents and families have to register with their school's parent coordinator. The Chair passed around the Sign Up sheet for Volunteers for this event. CB 11 will have a good showing of support for this wonderful event.

7. Adjournment

Motion made by to Carlos Diaz to adjourn meeting, seconded by Wendy Hewlett.

Minutes prepared by David Giordano