



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 6

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## **Youth and Education Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Michael Caraballo, Youth and Education Committee Chairperson

The Youth and Education Committee met on March 14, 2023 via Zoom Audio and Video Conference. The following board members were present at the meeting: John Barzack, Cornell Brown, Evonne Capers, Michael Caraballo, Mamoudou Diallo, Frank Franz, Audrey Harden, Laura James, Magdamary Marcano, Matthew Martinez, Floretta O'Brien, Reggie Powell, Kristine Rivera, Maria Ruiz, and Monique Williams.

The Youth and Education Committee discussed the following information:

- **Discussion of the 2023 New York Yankees Community Council Youth Leadership Award process**

The Youth and Education Committee discussed the 2023 New York Yankees Community Council Youth Leadership Award. Each year, the New York Yankees distribute \$750 stipend to five students within each Bronx Community Board district who volunteer, mentor, tutor, or otherwise advocate for their community in a meaningful way. The Youth and Education Committee will be informing the nearby high schools, youth organizations and programs, and community centers to obtain applicants. The youth who are interested in applying are to send a resume, a letter summarizing relevant experience, and one reference. Applications can be submitted to [bronxcb6@bronxcb6.org](mailto:bronxcb6@bronxcb6.org) using the subject "Yankees Leadership Award." Once the applications are received, the Youth and Education Committee will review and vote to selected five nominees at the next Youth and Education Committee meeting.

- **Informational presentation by PopUP Forest New York**

PopUP Forest and NYC Welcome Week informed the Youth and Education Committee that they have teamed up with NY Botanical Gardens, the High Line, and other organizations to set up a campaign for New York City to vote for its favorite wildflower. The campaign will launch on March 21, 2023 and features five wildflowers: one from each borough, educational information about each wildflower, and the opportunity to vote on a favorite one and spicebush is the wildflower chosen for the Bronx. PopUP Forest requested the assistance of the Youth and Education Committee to discuss the importance of these plants with teachers and students across the schools in the district. Given the current environmental and climate catastrophes facing the world, it is important to highlight the importance of New York City's native plant life.