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Youth and Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Lanell Gardenhire, Committee Chairperson

Audrey Harden, Committee Chairperson

The Youth and Education Committee met on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 through Zoom Audio and Video Conference. The following board members were present at this meeting: Evonne Capers, Nelson Chimilio, Margarita Espinosa, Maria Garcia, Lanell Gardenhire, Julisa Hamilton, Laura James, Reggie Powell, Lillie Steed, and Jacquetta Whaley.

The following information was discussed:

- **ADCP Murphy Cornerstone Community Center**

Ms. Lymarie Francisco, Program Director, informed us that the Murphy Cornerstone Community Center is presently in their enrollment period for youth and young adults. The required documentation that is needed for enrollment is medical physical examination and birth certificate. The Murphy Cornerstone Community Center offers a number of enrichment activities including homework assistance, movies, emotional learning, games, and band. They have also launched their new program the Learning Lab. The program operates from 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

- **The Coalition for the Revitalization of the Bronx River Art Center**

Ms. Laura James and Dr. Sonia James-Wilson from The Coalition for the Revitalization of the Bronx River Art Center informed us that the Bronx River Art Center (BRAC) is not fulfilling its stated mission and its raising numerous concerns, but not limited to: limited and ineffective community outreach and collaboration, lack of cultural understanding of the local community, publicizing of events that never happen, questionable employment practices, and failure to apply for grants. The goal of The Coalition for the Revitalization of the Bronx River Art Center is to create the conditions under which the Bronx River Art Center is used to its full capacity as a vibrant community resource that serves professional, emerging, and amateur art makers in and beyond the borough of The Bronx. The Youth and Education Committee supports their goal and plans to revitalize BRAC and recommends that the Community Board provided a letter of support to accompany their correspondence to BRAC's Board Chairperson.

The Youth and Education Committee meets every third Wednesday of the month.