

## YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**(Pending Committee Approval)**

DATE: Thursday June 8, 2023  
TIME: 7:30 PM  
PLACE: Zoom Conference (Online & Phone Available)

### Attendees

Julia Gomez  
Leona Teten  
Tameika Kennie  
Barbara Kali  
Jodie Colon

Lorita Watson  
Kemar Kidd

### Affiliation

Youth Committee Chair  
Youth Committee Member  
Young Life  
Community member  
Stewards of Henry Hudson Park Friends of  
Spuyten Duyvil  
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center  
Fort Independence  
Marble Hill

Absent: Sergio Villaverde

Meeting called to order 7:32 pm

1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests
2. Approval of Committee Minutes: May 2023 – no vote was had as it was not clear to the committee had quorum.
3. Chairperson Report – Thanks to everyone who participated in any meeting this year. All of you helped to move the committee forward and I appreciate all your time. In person meetings to resume this month. All CB 8 members must participate in person unless they are granted and excused absence. Due to space limitations all community members are encouraged to participate through zoom. The special committee on racial equity has asked that we reflect on the work that we did this year. Chair Gomez suggested that in the upcoming year the committee keep racial equity further in front of their work and discuss it more explicitly.
4. Discussion of BXC8 Comeback Kid Award Applications – three of the four applications were incomplete. Chair Gomez suggested that all complete and eligible are given the award. The committee present agreed. Additionally, Chair Gomez suggested that the deadline for completing the applications be before the full board meeting in case

the awardees need to vote.

5. Discussion of On-Going Joint Meetings Ms. Teten mentioned the significance of mentoring being discussed last time and thought that the community centers might be a good partner in this. Ms. Teten also mentioned that this could also help further the SCRE goals. Ms. Watson voiced her agreement with this. KHCC is doing this through an art program. Chair Gomez also reminded the committee that we tentatively agreed to commit to helping with the memorial grove veterans day event.
6. Intergenerational Business
  - a. Jodie Colon - Stewards of Henry Hudson Park Friends of Spuyten Duyvil. Friends of Spuyten Duyvil was founded in 1995 with a focus on keeping spaces clean, green, and safe. Ms. Colon stated that a lot of their programs are intergenerational. Friends of Spuyten Duyvil also participate in informal mentoring.
7. New Business – Ms. Teten stated that next year the NYC DOE calendar will no longer include two of the days of Passover. Ms. Teten wanted to know if this is something that the committee could draft a resolution in support of changing the calendar back. Chair Gomez stated that she would reach out to the Education, Libraries, and Cultural affairs chair to discuss drafting a joint resolution.
8. Old Business
  - a. Resource fair
9. Adjournment

Submitted by

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Chair, Youth Committee