

Bronx Community Board 8
YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
(Pending Committee Approval)

DATE: Monday May 16, 2022

TIME: 7:30 PM

PLACE: Join Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Julia Gomez
Stephen Vazquez
Sergio Villaverde
Leanna Ray
Leona Teten
Judith Green

Affiliation

Youth Committee Chair
Youth Committee Member
Youth Committee Member
MMCC

Absent: Eleanor Geagan, Gavin Simmons

Meeting called to order 7:37

1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests
2. Approval of Youth Committee Minutes: April 2022
3. Chairperson's Report – June meeting Hybrid model for meetings, comeback kid award, presenters
4. Committee Priorities
 - a. Digital divide - new manorial administration has taken this on. There may be a point person in the mayor's office. Mr. Villaverde will reach out to the office to see if we can be put in touch with them
 - Mr. Vazquez asked about looking into individual access to low-cost high-speed internet. Chair Gomez stated she would look into this
 - b. Forum – due to the decriminalization of marijuana many of the speakers are otherwise occupied. This issue will be tabled this until September
 - c. Comeback Kid Award – Tabled until September meeting
5. New Business –

June meetings – discussion of whether to have a June meeting since the meeting would have to be in person. Mr. Villaverde and Mr. Vazquez voiced concerns about participation at in the

meetings. Ms. Teten expressed concerns about getting to the office and the effect on youth participation especially. Committee decided to skip the June meeting and try to have the September meeting before the full board meeting.

Speakers – Mr. Vazquez stated that he thought that speakers were a good idea but that the committee did not need to have one every month. Mr. Villaverde agreed. The chair decided to revisit potential speakers in the Sep

Increasing participation – Mr. Vazquez expressed concern about participation, especially youth participation with the return to in person meetings. Ms. Teten suggested outreach to potential schools, and evaluating the timing of the meetings, as ways to increase youth participation

Increasing the Bronx participation in specialized high schools and specialized high school exams – Ms. Teten asked if this was something that the community board could help with. Chair Gomez will reach out to the board office to see if they have any resources or can put Chair Gomez in touch with anyone

6. Old Business – No old business
7. Adjournment – 8:12 pm

Submitted by

Julia T. Gomez

Youth Committee Chair