# Youth Committee Meeting March 28, 2018 Ft. Independence Community Center 3350 Bailey Avenue

**ATTENDEES**: L. Parker (Chair)

ABSENT: Nine (9)

**GUESTS**: V. Cruz (Greater Tabernacle Church), J. Acevedo, D. Thomas (FICC), D. Rosario (FICC), H. Davis (KHCC), A. Jimenez (KHCC), S. Rosa (KHCC), Torianna C. (KHCC), I. Isaac

**CALL TO ORDER**: March 28, 2018 6:00 PM

QUORUM: No

## **REPORTS:**

1. Minutes from previous meeting.

1.1 Was not approved for January meeting.

- 2. Youth Chair's Report and Opening of Meeting. (L. Parker)
  - 2.1 L. Parker opened the floor with updates about community issues.
- 3. Vice Chair Youth Report

# **COMMUNITY CENTER REPORTS:**

- 4. Mosholu Montefiore Community Center
  - 4.1 Boys& Girls Club Teen Center
    - o Afterschool Programs
    - o Child Development Center
    - o Fitness Center
    - Saturday Academy
    - Senior Centers
    - o Special Needs
    - Sports
    - Youth Employment
    - Workforce Dev. & Continuing Education
    - SUPPORT SERVICES
    - COLLEGE BOUND
    - CAMP
- 5. Riverdale Neighborhood House
  - 5.1 There aren't any new updates
- 6. Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
- 6.1 Pride Beauty Gallery On April 19th, join Changing Futures for an evening to support victims of sexual assault and encourage all people to embrace their voice. Hosted in

commemoration of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the gallery night be held from 4pm -7pm in the center's gym.

Survivors and supporters are welcome to create their own piece of art through t-shirts, postcards, and posters with messages of hope, awareness and encouragement. Materials will be provided or guests may bring their own. It will include: poetry, puppetry, meditation, animal assisted therapy singing. All are welcome to attend the night's event. For more information, contact Lauren Mckeiver at 718-884-0700 x 179.

- 6.2 Earth Day: Week of the Young Child On April 20th from 10am 5pm at KHCC come celebrate Earth Day! Families are invited to join our Early Childhood students for a day of fun and education. Event will include: recycles table, music, and children's presentations. For more information, please call (718) 884 0700 Ext 153
- 6.3 Annual Neighborhood Festival On May 5th, KHCC is holding its Sixth Annual Neighborhood Festival. We will be welcoming the enigmatic beats of Uptown Vinyl Supreme DJ Sunny Sheeba and Rapper/Singer Kei-Kei, among others, who will be entertaining guests and showcasing the culture of the Boogie Down for a true celebration! We will be holding a raffle with great prizes and plenty of giveaways and we will showcase the energy of our block with: Face painting, Music, Dance, Games, Bouncy Castle, Flea Market.

Families can enjoy our flavorful BBQ, and register for Summer Camp and fall programming. Community members can also learn about our space rental opportunities, register to vote, and get to know KHCC.

This is a great opportunity to bring our community together to give back to KHCC. In honor of Earth Day, we will also be partnering with Latino Outdoors for a volunteer project. Volunteers will help care for the KHCC garden and park.

6.4 Raise The Roof Happy Hour – On May 15th, Join KHCC for our annual Rooftop Happy Hour at the Yotel rooftop bar in the heart of Midtown Manhattan.

Mingle with VIP's, Board Members, and community members and celebrate KHCC as a powerful force in the war on poverty, reversing the barriers of poverty and trauma, creating an inclusive environment for children with special needs, nurturing low-income families, especially recent immigrants, to develop the skills they need to lead independent, self-sufficient lives.

All funds raised at the event will support the important programs that KHCC offers from cradle to career for our vibrant community.

# 7. Fort Independence Community Center

7.1 Introduction to the new Center Director, Dwight Thomas, as he also introduced his program and vision for future projects.

# 7.2

Literacy Programs

- Tutoring
- Homework Help
- Financial Literacy/Planning
- Computer Access
- Project-Based Learning Opportunities
- High School and College Prep

- Math Clubs
- Photography
- Digital Recording
- Recreational Activities Dance, Wrestling, Boxing Conditioning, Soccer, Basketball, and Others
- Healthy Eating and Living
- Creative/Media Arts
- Computers
- 8. Marble Hill Community Center
  - 8.1 There aren't any new updates
- 9. Riverdale YMCA Seussical Jr. The Musical: On April 15, 19 and 22, the award-winning Jr. Rising Stars are thrilled to perform our Spring 2018 musical, Seussical, Jr! This delightful musical features Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters who spring to life onstage in a fantastical musical extravaganza! Adults: \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door. Students and Seniors: \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door.

## **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- 1. The youth in the community are interested in having more programs that are geared to sports, drama classes, and career readiness for the healthcare field.
- 2. Victor Cruz of Grace Tabernacle Church, would like to be involved in assisting the youth in any way possible.

**RESOLUTION: No** 

**KEY DATES: Comeback Kid Award May 2018** 

**CLOSING REMARKS:** 

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 

Submitted by Lamont Parker, Chair Youth Committee