

Youth Monthly Board Meeting Thursday October 4, 2018

ATTENDEES: L. Parker (Chair), Michael Frishman

ABSENT: (1)

GUESTS: J.M Carrillo (KHCC), Ericka Ordonez(KHCC),Aimee Valenzuela(KHCC), Kiana Bell (KHCC), Alexis Mims(KHCC), Kamar Gill (KHCC), Ajahnay Dennis (KHCC)

CALL TO ORDER: October 4, 2018 1930 HRS PM/EST

QUORUM: Yes

REPORTS:

1. Minutes from previous meeting.
Approved April and May 2018

2. Youth Chair's Report and Opening of Meeting. (L. Parker)

L. Parker opened the floor with updates about community issues.

3. Writing competition with Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORTS:

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center

4. No new reports.

5. Riverdale Neighborhood House

Youth Internships

Internships are a great way to get a taste of a possible future career, learn from professionals, and have fun! The Riverdale Neighborhood House Youth Internship Program is designed for young people between the ages of 14 and 18 who wish to gain job skills, explore career opportunities, or gain a meaningful experience that can boost their resumes and/or college applications. Career Club, college information, peer to peer sharing, outings and recognition events are some examples of the different activities interns participate in. Applications are available in, September, February and May. Stipends are awarded.

Please call (718) 549-8100 x112 or X117 if you have any questions.

Recreation

The Community & Teen Center is a well-equipped facility that provides a place to socialize and meet new people. Whether it is outside sports like basketball, or swimming, or inside activities like ping-pong, foosball, air hockey or billiards, there is always a game developing.

Community Service/Volunteer Opportunities

Opportunities to contribute time and passion—or complete community service requirements—are available at RNH. Young people can share their hobbies and interests, provide tutoring and/or homework help for children in our After School Program, make sandwiches for the homeless, or help out at special events.

Leadership Development/Civic Engagement

Teens take an active role in raising money for programs, participate in beautification projects to serve their community, assist staff, and advise management of program needs and issues.

OST Program @ MS/HS 368 In-Tech Academy

Riverdale Neighborhood House (RNH) in partnership with MS/HS 368 (In-Tech Academy) and OST (Out of School Time) is offering a FREE After School Program to all Middle School Students in grades 6, 7 and 8.

College Directions Program

This service based program focuses on preparing HS juniors and seniors to navigate the college application process, including FREE college access advising services, Free workshops, college trips and KAPLAN SAT class. Our Academic Resource Center (ARC) is a FREE program for his students who need one on one help in Math, Science, English and one-on-one help proof reading college essays.

6. Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

KHCC's After School Program serves children from Kindergarten through Fifth grade from 2:30pm - 6:30pm, Monday -Friday.

It provides engaging ways to both relax and learn after a long day at school. Children are guided to form positive relationships and foster responsibility, respect, and the ability to make good choices. Our program focuses on literacy that supports English as a core subject with daily homework periods and mentoring by older youth. We also encourage students to live healthy lifestyles by engaging them in physical fitness activities and nutrition workshops.

KHCC's unique partnership with Bronx Theatre High School on the nearby JFK campus brings the best of Teen Center and College Directions to school. Operating on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-6pm, KHCC staff partner with Bronx Theatre staff and teachers to provide a blend of youth development and college access offerings. KHCC staff also provide support during the school days via non-academic periods, advising, and lunch. Activities include:

COMPASS High:

Youth Council and Peer Mediation Training; Lean on Me Support Groups and Individual Counseling; Media Arts and Poetry Workshops; Mentoring Initiative and Paid Internship

COMPASS Explore:

College Workshops and Trips; SAT Preparation; 1:1 College Advising; College Bridge Services for graduating seniors

The KHCC Teen Program serves over 200 Bronx youth ages 12-21 annually. Our center based program provides a hot meal nightly and is open until 9 pm to ensure safety and consistency for young people who may lack this structure at home. Our philosophy is to positively impact participants lives by partnering with families, providing empowerment through decision making, building positive relationships, and encouraging youth to take initiative. The program's success is based on educational support, college access, leadership development, service opportunities, job training and internships, and skills building through technology, groups, arts, wellness initiatives, and recreation.

Services:

Teen Program is open to youth between the ages of 12 and 21.

The Tween Program offers youth in 6th to 8th grade activities tailored to their age group. Older tweens stay later into the evening for Teen Program.

The College Directions Program provides Bronx high school students with help applying to colleges and universities. All College Directions youth may participate in the wider Teen Center activities.

Join us for:

Free Dinner Every Day!

Open Gym, Girl's Gym, Basketball Tournaments

Poetry and Dance

Homework Support and Tutoring

Teen Battle Chef/Cooking
Girl's and Guy's Groups
Peer Mediation
Access to computers and technology skill building
Counseling
Internship Opportunities through our Mentoring Projects
Youth Leadership Council
Field Trips and Youth Events
Access to all College Directions Program Services
If you are a high school student, you can earn community service credit hours.

6. Fort Independence Community Center (Currently no representation at this time)

7. Marble Hill Community Center
Marble Hill

The New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA) Office of Resident Economic Empowerment and Sustainability (REES) partners can help you achieve financial security, instead of just making ends meet, through financial empowerment services. Establishing or improving assets such as emergency savings or owning a home or a small business can help you to better deal with a financial crisis such as a job loss, illness or divorce. REES collaborates with service providers throughout New York City to help NYCHA residents achieve their financial goals.

REES partners can help you learn more about:

- Financial literacy: Having financial literacy can help you find a job. Sometimes potential employers will look at your credit report before deciding whether to offer you a job. By participating in financial empowerment services offered through REES partners, NYCHA residents can fix mistakes on their credit reports and begin to re-build or establish credit, which could result in more eligible job opportunities for you.
 - SNAP (food stamps): Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps) providers can help increase your income. REES partners can help NYCHA residents determine if they qualify for food stamps and help submit SNAP application. Food stamps can help to reduce household food expenses and free up money for savings or other needs.
 - Financial counseling: Financial counseling through REES partners can help NYCHA residents reduce debt. Financial counselors can help you create a plan to pay down your debt, catch up with rent, and in some cases access emergency financial assistance. Financial counselors can also work with you to prevent your wages from being garnished for debt re-payment.
- Credit unions: Credit unions can help NYCHA residents establish savings and checking accounts and much more. If you don't have a bank account, a credit union can offer you safe, affordable financial accounts that offer greater flexibility and in most cases lower fees than traditional banks. REES has partnerships with credit unions throughout New York City that can help NYCHA residents achieve their financial goals.

8. Riverdale YMCA –
at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy (MS/HS 141)
Independence Ave. & W 237th St.
EVERY SUNDAY, 5/6 – 11/18
9:00AM – 2:00PM

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ATHLETICS: (347) 913-4419
SENIOR CENTER: (347) 913-4444
AFTERSCHOOL: (347) 913-4972

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:

KEY DATES: December 2018 Writing Competition, Next Youth Committee meeting November 29, 2018 location 3350 Bailey Avenue, Bronx, New York 10463.

CLOSING REMARKS:

MEETING ADJOURNED