

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 28, 2012 AT THE MARBLE HILL COMMUNITY CENTER

Attendees

Affiliation

Lamont Parker	CB8, Chair
Sylvia Alexander	CB 8
Tricia Mullen	CB 8
Rita Pochter-Lowe	CB 8
Robert Press	CB 8
Kathy Gibson	Riverdale Community Center, Exec Dir
Derwin Green	Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
Karen Green	Community Member
William Lerkin	Van Cortlandt Golf, Manager
Geronimo Ruiz	Marble Hill Community Center, Director
Alina Williams	NYCHA, Fort Independence, Director

At 1PM the meeting was called to order; in the absence of minutes from the previous meeting, the agenda is as follows:

New Business

The chair visited and invited all community centers and community based organizations to attend the Youth Committee meeting to explain their youth programs.

1. Geronimo Ruiz, Director of the Marble Hill Community Center, discussed various programs his community center offers and plans for expansion, which include coordinating with other local community centers. His programs include approximately 134 kids a week and are sponsored by the "Children's Art & Science Workshop". They also have computer labs on site
2. Kathy Gibson, Executive Director of the Riverdale Community Center, runs a free after school program in Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy (MS/HS 141). They have programs to teach students constructive use of their time, build self-esteem, develop self control, achieve academic success, accept responsibility, form positive relationships between peer to peer and youth to adult and seniors. They also have an arts youth development program which includes jewelry making, cosmetology, knitting, painting, drawing, hip-hop dance, ballet and teen theater.
3. Alina Williams, Director of the Fort Independence Community Center, is sponsored by NYCHA. Their goal is to teach students constructive use of leisure time, encourage team work, increase awareness of the benefits of healthy living,

games and tournaments such as dance, are used to improve sportsmanship and strategy thinking in a fun filled environment. They also have computer labs on site.

4. Derwin Green, representative from Kingsbridge Community Heights, offers youth various programs including arts and crafts, dance, sports and more. All directives are aimed at improving the student's awareness of healthy eating, community building, building self-esteem, and receiving academic assistance.

The Chair met the Van Cortlandt Golf to discuss an opportunity for a community "Golf Day" at the course that will be open to youth through the local community centers.

5. William Lerkin, Manager at Van Cortlandt Golf, which is the first public golf course created in the country. He is has agreed to offer a free community "GOLF day" to each community center to take lessons and learn to play golf. Specific plans will be discussed in the future.

Future Business

1. The chair met with Target and the company will be sending a representative to discuss funding opportunities for local community centers in the area of Community Board 8 to benefit youth.
2. A presentation on Grant Writing, conducted by a licensed grant writer will be forthcoming to benefit all centers interested in grant writing.
3. The chair met with TD Bank and the company will be presenting on how to assist youth in building a financial plan.

Adjourned Meeting

- Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

The next Youth Committee meeting will be on December 26, 2012 at 1:00 PM in the Bronx Community Board 8 Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471-2194.

Lamont Parker
Chair,
Youth Committee