

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2014 AT
The Riverdale YM-YWHA
5625 Arlington Ave
Bronx, NY 10471**

Attendees

Demetrius McCord
Rita Pochter Lowe
Daniella Fuchs
Cy Nesbit
Tricia Mullen
Kathy Gilson
Derwin Greene
Ruby Palma

Affiliation

Community Board No. 8
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RNH After School Program Director
Riverdale Community Center
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
Marble Hill Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 1:05PM.

Approval of Committee Minutes

The minutes of the October 22, 2014 were not approved.

Chair's Report

Operation Clean Up Day with In-Tech Academy / Riverdale Neighborhood House – Briefly discussed project with Riverdale Neighborhood House and youth to clean area around Ewen Park.

New York Yankees Community Council Youth Leadership Award Nominations – Discussed status of applications and need for committee members to review and approve. Youth Chair will follow up with committee.

C-Ball Tournament Championship – Event will take place at Lehman College on December 6, 2014 with representatives from CB No.8 participating. Riverdale Neighborhood House will be participating in the basketball clinic portion of the event. The clinic will take place from 10:30 - 1:00 PM.

Future Business

2015 Youth Poetry Slam – Youth Chair still looking to lock down a location for the event. Event will take place in May 2015.

December Board Meeting – This meeting will be cancelled.

Youth Needs Assessment – Introduced idea of developing a district-wide needs assessment.

Attendees acknowledged that they have access to needs assessment for the populations they serve, but it would be nice to have something more comprehensive. Demetrius suggested that we create an ad hoc committee to evaluate the efficacy of this, and attendees expressed interest. Committee suggested that we get a sampling of all groups in the community. All were in agreement that the metric should be youth-driven.

Cultural Competency – Some attendees alerted the committee that there is a need for cultural competency around **LGBTQI** issues in some of the community centers. Some staff and participants may not be culturally competent in this area. There may be a need for **GLSEN** (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network) or **PFLAG** (Parents, Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays) involvement. Demetrius said he'd be happy to make a referral from an organization in the Bronx.

Centralized CB No. 8 Offerings Document – Committee expressed need for a shared document that is inclusive of all CB No. 8 offerings at each community center.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 2:03pm. The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28th, 2015, location to be determined.

Submitted by,
Lamont Parker, Chair
Youth Committee