

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON April 23, 2014 AT

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 OFFICE

5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100

Bronx, NY 10471

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Attendees

Lamont Parker
Cy Nesbit
Rita Pochter Lowe
Karen Green
Demarr Smith
Anthony Fella
Jerome Harris
Nancy Nunez

Affiliation

Youth Chair
Community Resident
Community Board 8
Community Committee member
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
Community Board 8
Riverdale Neighborhood House
Riverdale Neighborhood House

The meeting was called to order at 1:06pm.

Chair Lamont Parker announced that he will reach out to the community centers to secure FY 2016 Budget Priority Request before the next meeting.

Each Community Center in attendance gave a brief update on how their centers were doing:

Riverdale Neighborhood House - Nancy Nunez gave an update on Mayor Bill de Blasio's visit on Monday, April 21. The Mayor held a press conference on the grounds and discussed the free full-day Universal Pre-K program slated to start in September. This program would provide free full-day Universal Pre-K for four year old children city-wide. The Mayor was joined by local elected officials and NYC School's Chancellor, Carmen Farina, RNH Executive Director, Dan Eudene, RNH staff and many community members. The event can also be seen on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDzZnxc2F5c>

Jerome Harris also from R.N.H. came in to discuss the S.M.A.R.T. Summer Camp program for 6th- 8th grade students that begins on Monday, July 7 and ends Friday, August 8, 2014. The camp is held at MS/HS 368 IN-Tech Academy. The children are immersed in a full day of S.T.E.M., creative arts, literacy enrichment, sports, and recreation activities. Two days out of the week the program offers trips to explore NYC sites and landmarks via public transportation. The program serves 135 students. For further information please contact Lidia Beqiraj (OST Program Director) at lbeqiraj@riverdaleonline.org.

Kingsbridge Heights - Demarr Smith, gave an update on the centers current developments:

- The Neighborhood festival on April 8th sponsored by Horace Mann was very successful.

- The Teen center is currently reaching out to local area schools for OST available finances. Many schools in the area already have programs. They have also reached out to schools further out. Fordham University may be a viable option.
- K.H.C.C. is currently gearing up for the summer programs.

For further information please contact Demarr at dsmith@khcc-nyc.org.

The **2nd Annual Bronx Youth Poetry Slam** was discussed. Chair Lamont Parker informed the committee that a civics piece will be added to the competition. This category will test what the participants know about civics. This will be judged separately and awarded. There will be (4) prizes for poetry and (1) prize for civics. Hip Hop artist Special K has agreed to be one of the judges. Deadline for registration is Friday, May 2, 2014. The competition will take place at the Kingsbridge NYPL on Thursday, May 15, 2014.

Old Business

- Anthony Fella will provide information regarding The Adopt a Grandparent program at the next meeting.

New Business

- Youth Chair investigating funding for the 2014 Golf Event and community centers interest in obtaining babysitting certifications.
- CBALL event scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2014 in Marble Hill Park.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 1:54pm. The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2014, location to be determined.

Submitted by,
Lamont Parker, Chair

Youth Committee

MEETING NOTICE
YOUTH COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, May 28th, 2014

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: To Be Determined

AGENDA

1. Chair's Report
2. Youth Poetry Slam Results
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Adjournment

Lamont Parker
Chair
Youth Committee