

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO.8
MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on June 22, 2016 at
Community Board No. 8 Office
5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100
Bronx, New York 10471

PRESENT: Lamont. Parker - Youth Chairperson
Judith Green - Community Resident
Anthony Delorbe - Community Organizer
Ruby Palma - Marble Hill Community Center
Rita Pochter Lowe - Community Board No.8 Member
Alyssa Lenihan - Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

GUEST: Susan Landgraf - Community Resident, Maribel Felipe

ABSENT: Daniella Fuchs

Meeting Commenced at 1:01pm

May minutes were read and approved.

Youth Report - The Golf Event is scheduled for July 26. The event will be held at Van Courtlandt Park. The Youth Resource Guide is coming along very well. The Youth Committee is working on it and it will soon be available for review.

Suggestions were made as to adding Theater programs as well as Tennis Camp information and possible information on how to help register kids between the ages of 14-17 to vote and the importance of voting.

Susan Landgraf, community resident, attended the meeting to observe and see how she can help the youth and the community centers. Susan is an Artist and an Educator. Susan gives lectures and leading discussions with seniors citizens. She is looking forward to hopefully work with the youth.

We had Anthony Delorbe give an update on the plans for the Fort Independence Garden. The proposal/layout of the garden will include raised beds. These raised beds will be managed by the community members. It will consist of plants and eventually include herbs as well. This will create interaction with not only the youth that attend the community center but also the seniors,

individuals with disabilities and wheelchair bound as well. At the moment the youth chair will be helping the center by purchasing needed tools/materials to get them started. Suggestions like Home Depot, Botanical Gardens & Cornell Cooperative are just a few places that could probably help with funding the garden at Fort Independence. Mr. Anthony also mentioned a project on building a Bio Swale and how it will help the plants while also helping the environment.

Tibbetts Trail is another area that can be used to garden and bring the community together. Currently they are working on finding out who owns that property. There is a movement starting to grow and it's a way to bring kids and people together through nature. It's important to help the youth learn more about nature/gardening. There is a young lady, Consuelo Hernandez, who has been teaching the kids of P.S. 207 about nature by having the kids plant different seeds at the school's garden. Ms. Hernandez is not only teaching the youth but encouraging them to share the information with their parents. She is a master composter and was allowed to take classes from P.S. 207 to the compost area located at the Church of the Mediator. You can also find Ms. Hernandez sharing information on gardening at her farmers market which is currently open on Sundays from 9am to 5pm at the Church of the Mediator.

During the meeting it was also said that the Kingsbridge Library has a green roof but currently there are no plans on using it or opening it up for classes. Also, Alyssa from Kingsbridge Heights Community Center stated that they too have a small garden which the youth is able to use.

The Capital/Expense Budget - The other centers are currently working on their budget. Ruby Palma from Marble Community Center stated that they are working on theirs and will soon submit it. The youth chair stated that the budget is due soon.

This was the last meeting and the next meeting will be held when we come back from the Summer Break on September 28. Location of the meeting will be announced as we get closer to the meeting date. Wishing everyone a safe and nice Summer.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm

Submitted by,

Lamont Parker,
Chair, Youth Committe