

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**  
**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON September 24, 2014 AT**  
**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 OFFICE**  
**5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100**

**Attendees**

Lamont Parker  
Demetrius McCord  
Cy Nesbit  
Derwin Greene  
Nancy Nunez  
Kathy Gilson  
Jennifer Jaily  
Erik Maldonado  
Nicholas Sinhart III  
Luigy Luciano  
Jennyis Rivera  
Denise Sosa  
Louis Pena  
Jennifer Quezada

**Affiliation**

Youth Chair  
CB8/Harlem Reduction Coalition  
Community Resident  
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center  
Riverdale Neighborhood House  
Riverdale Community Center  
Reading Plus  
Advocate of Words  
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The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM.

**Old Business**

Youth Chair gave a brief update on the successful **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Golf Event**, which was held on July 16<sup>th</sup> at Van Cortlandt Park. The event had well over 175 attendees including, Elected officials, ex NBA star Felipe Lopez, and Ms. Westchester.

**Riverdale Community Center** – Kathy Gilson gave an update on the centers current developments:

- Summer Program: 130 children participated. Activities included: Stem Projects, Trips, crafts etc.
- Afterschool program for grades 6-12 started on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Program will run five days a week until June.

For further information please contact Kathy Gilson at [kgilsonkag@aol.com](mailto:kgilsonkag@aol.com).

**Kingsbridge Heights Community Center** – Derwin Greene gave an update on the centers current developments:

- College Advisor program: Six youth were trained to be college advisors.
- Summer Immersion programs: 1) Partnered with LEHIGH university to help students get accustomed to being away from home while at college. 2) ESL classes for middle school kids at JFK high school.
- Mural: Muralist, DOT, and youth will create a mural on steps on stairs between Sedgwick Ave and Kingsbridge Terrace. Project to be completed in 2015.
- Youth will be working with special needs kids to develop social media pages so they can make friends beyond community center.

For further information please contact Derwin Greene at [dgreene@khcc-nyc.org](mailto:dgreene@khcc-nyc.org).

**Riverdale Neighborhood House** – Nancy Nunez gave an update on the centers current developments:

- OST programs at In-Tech Academy M.S./H.S. 368. (135 kids) Youth internship for High School students 14-18 which helps develop skills for sciences, journalism, and other courses.
- RNH is helping KHCC develop a college internship. High School interns will give students college prep information. They are currently looking for group leaders for this program. Applicants must be over 21years of age and available from 3-6PM 5 days a week.

For further information please contact Nancy Nunez at [nnunez@riverdaleonline.org](mailto:nnunez@riverdaleonline.org).

### **New Business**

Youth Chair opened the floor for open dialogue Q&A with the youth in attendance:

**Youth Chair:** What would you like to see change in the community?

**Jennyis Rivera:** For people to become more aware of the environment. More garbage cans in the area so people can keep their neighborhood clean.

**Denise Sosa:** More Big Sister/Big Brother programs offered in OST. Programs that have alumni from local schools come back to talk to kids.

**Jennifer Quezada:** Better after school programs with better entertainment, computers, Hip Hop dance, PC graphics, fashion, entertainment, swimming, EMT classes.

**Luigy Luciano:** Opportunity to explore newspapers like AM NEW YORK. Green Job opportunities opened up to youth. More youth internships and Co-op programs.

Youth Resource Directory: Can resources be shared between the different community centers? Has a needs assessment been done for the 12-21 age group? (Youth Chair to reach out and follow up with Nicole Stent.)

### **Future Business**

Youth chair discussed the upcoming Youth Round Table. Location and date TBD.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 2:17pm. The next Youth meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, Riverdale Neighborhood House location At In Tech Academy, 2975 Tibbett Ave, Bronx, NY 10463

Submitted by,

Lamont Parker, Chair  
Youth Committee