

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2014 AT  
In-Tech Academy (MS/HS 368)  
2975 Tibbett Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10463**

**Attendees**

Lamont Parker  
Maria Khury  
Rita Pochter Lowe  
Cy Nesbit  
Lidia Beqiraj  
Erik Maldonado  
Sharna Mojica  
Timothy Green  
Kashina Martin  
Gregory Linares  
Ruby Palma  
Hasan Covington  
Christian Donato

**Affiliation**

Youth Chair, Community Board No. 8  
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Community Member  
OST Program Director  
Advocate of Words  
Fort Independence Community Center  
Fort Independence Community Center  
Fort Independence Community Center  
Fort Independence Community Center  
Marble Hill Community Center  
Bronx Defenders Organizing Project  
Local Union #3

**Youth Attendees:** Felix A. Paulino, Ian Griffin, Elfionel Rivera, Jalisha Sanchez, Victor Reyes, Arianna Sencion, Darex Polanco, Siara Sanchez, Rolangy Cruz, Jenliam Vazquez, Xaviel De La Rosa, Nicole Paredes, Patricia Reyes, Rachel Lopez, Aaliyah Tillman, Roberth Deleon, Eriselis Pizarro, Ashley Garcia, Joshua Ortiz, Ariela Hernandez, Ashley Hernandez, Jarod Gonzalez, Elliot Fernandez, Gijari Rodriguez, Angel Azcona, Shanya McClinton, Destiny Alvarez, Rebecca Espino, Mercedes Gomez, Lauren Ballentine, Shakyra Taylor, Kaitlyn Nunez, Ashley Newenle, Krystiana Gonzalez, Justice Mejia, Michele Cabos, Rabakah Rodriguez, Angel Figueroa, Angel Vargas, Michael Pena, Eddie Garcia, Kendry Florentino, Joe Rosario, Jaymark Larios, Rachel Trinidad, Charlize Concepcion, Gabriela Llano, Alexis Reynoso, Ayleen Garcia, Andy Garcia, Richard Rodriguez, Ayesha Rios, Yoanna Mendez

The meeting was called to order at 4:20PM.

Approval of Committee Minutes:

The minutes of September 24, 2014 were approved.

Lidia Beqiraj, OST Program Director, introduced Lamont Parker, Youth Chair. Lamont Parker then advised the students in attendance on the purpose for the meeting agenda.

- **2014-2015 New York Yankee Youth Leadership Award:** Several lucky students may qualify to win a merit based award for \$750.00, go to a Yankee Game, and go onto the field.
- **Bronx Network Roundtable:** Some of the students may be selected to speak on at the event that will be covered by **BRONXNET**. Location and date TBD.

Lamont Parker introduced, Rita Pochter Lowe, Maria Khury, Hasan Covington, and Eric Maldonado to speak briefly.

The Youth Chair opened the floor with the following question for the students: "What changes would you like to see in your community?"

Andrew: I want people to stop littering.

Shakyla Taylor: I would like to stop graffiti and vandalism.

Richard Rodriguez: I want the community to become safer.

Rachel Trinidad: Stop vandalism.

Ian Griffin: I want people to stop doing drugs. I want to live in a DRUG FREE environment.

Patricia Reyes: Stop people from stealing.

Gabriela Llano: I would like them to stop violence.

Timothy Green: Provide more community centers with many more programs.

Elliot Fernandez: Provide safer environments where kids can play and learn new things.

Ashley Hernandez: Build more speed bumps so there are less hit and run accidents.

Michael Pena: Better security to stop theft and vandalism.

Richard Rodriguez: Wants to lower crime in the neighborhoods.

Eric Maldonado began a dialogue with the students encouraging them to speak up and be confident when asking for what they would like to see change in their community during the discussion.

Hasan Covington addressed the students on ways to overcome adverse situations they may face.

Anthony White, Author was introduced to speak to the kids about communication.

### **Future Business**

The Youth Chair is currently looking at April 2015 dates for the next Youth Golf Event. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM. The next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at the Riverdale Y, at 1:00 PM.

Submitted by,  
Lamont Parker, Chair  
Youth Committee