

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

**Held on October 28, 2015 at
Community Board No. 8 Office
5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100
Bronx, New York 10471**

PRESENT: L. Parker, D. Fuchs

ABSENT: D. McCord, A. Moore, R. Pochter Lowe

GUESTS: M. Felipe
Nehanzi M., Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
D. Gellman, Community Committee Member

Meeting was called to order at 2:05pm.

Because we didn't have enough members in attendance, the minutes from both March and June couldn't be approved.

Chairman's Report

The Youth Chair mentioned some upcoming events for the New Year and current ones:

- Van Courtland Park Auto Show (June 2016) – Vintage cars will be displayed in the Parking Lot of the VCP Golf Course.
- Poetry writing workshop (January 2016) – This workshop will help those interested in learning the components of writing poetry and it will also encourage more children to hopefully enter the Youth Poetry Slam scheduled for May 2016.
- The Comeback Kid – Nominations are currently being accepted. Community Centers are advised to get their submissions in ASAP.

The Youth Chair has other ideas for events but will like to hear from other members.

Needs Assessment Update

Youth Chair is working with the community centers to help with the needs of the community. What programs or community programs can we offer the community to help with certain needs they have!

Yankee Youth Award Update

This award is to acknowledge a child that has gone above and beyond within their community. The best way to send in your nominations is via email to either the community board no.8 or the youth chair. The challenge right now is too review and select a winner before the next youth committee meeting which is November 10th. Applications were sent out again on 10/28/15 to the prospective community centers so that they can get this done in a timely manner.

Open Discussion

Youth Chair opened the floor to the members to listen to some ideas they may have:

Amy – The Fort Fork Park is a nice area to have events like maybe a Poetry session in the spring! There are a lot of schools in that area that can come together for a basketball tournament.

Nehanzi – He would have to think about what the community would like to see made available for the kids.

Daniella – Has lived in the community for 11yrs. She is all about giving back to the community. What opportunities are available for the kids to give back?

David – The Henry Hudson Parkway Park has basketball courts which can probably be used to host tournaments, engage more kids maybe start a league and friendly competition between neighborhoods. Youth Chair mentioned how he had some kids be part of C-Ball, which is a program that brings communities together for friendly competition in the Bronx. Youth Chair will re-visit this and see how we can recruit kids for this again.

New Business

Refer to the Chairman's Report for the upcoming events.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:53pm. The next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th, 2015 at 1pm at Community Board No. 8 office.