

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8  
MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2011 AT THE  
KINGSBRIDGE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER  
3101 KINGSBRIDGE TERRACE**

**CB8 Members Present:** Andrew Cohen, Sylvia Alexander, Georgia Santiago, Tom Durham, Robert Press, and Phil Friedman

**Community Organizations:** Kathy Gilson RCC, Sarah Shaikh Bon Secours, Sadie Mahoney KHCC,

The meeting was held at the Kings Bridge Heights Community Center.

Sadie Mahoney and Sarah Shaikh gave an update on the KHCC Youth Market. The Market is expected to start operations in July and run through October and will be located across the street from the Kingsbridge Armory.

Robert Press spoke about the proposed cuts to youth funding on the Federal level and how those cuts could impact the 17<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Phil Freidman gave a presentation on the budgeting process.

At the request of Councilman Koppell, a resolution in support of funding for Friday and Saturday night youth recreation programs was adopted unanimously.

**Youth Committee Resolution**

WHEREAS, there is a great need for Friday and Saturday night youth recreation programs in Community Board Eight for at risk students, and

WHEREAS, Community Board Eight had such a program and that said program was well utilized and provided a safe and positive environment, and

WHEREAS, the funding for said program has been completely eliminated, and

WHEREAS, there has been a corresponding increase in the prevalence of young people congregating in our streets and creating disturbances, see annexed hereto as exhibit "A" "Teens are left out in the Cold without Center" Riverdale Press, Dec. 10, 2010,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Youth and the Public Safety Committees strongly support the restoration of funding for Friday and Saturday night Youth Recreation Programs in Community Board Eight.

Adopted unanimously at the CB8 Youth Committee on  
February 23, 2011

Sarah Shaikh gave a presentation as follows:

FutureCEO's Program is a social enterprise initiative co-sponsored through Bon Secours Health System and Operation Blessing. The program, piloted in Hampton Roads, VI, teaches students ages 14-26 principles and skills of small business development through the eBay model. Specifically, students learn how to use eBay to conduct business—everything from managing items and sales to teamwork and customer assistance. The class also covered topics like communication, problem solving, team work, personal finance, and social responsibility

Through a multi-week course work, guest lectures, and group laboratories, students open an electronic business with the goals of favorable ROI for products sold and the importance of good customer service (5 star ratings and positive customer reviews). During the pilot, all 14 students passed the course achieving both goals.

Bon Secours NY Health/Schervier must submit a full proposal to the competitive Mission Fund at Bon Secours Health System Inc (parent) by MAY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. An immediate call for collaborating partners is requested. Those interested in bringing the program to their centers should contact Sarah Shaikh, BSNY Healthy Communities Initiative Coordinator. Contact: [sarah\\_shaikh@bshsi.org](mailto:sarah_shaikh@bshsi.org) or (718)548-1700 x779. To learn more visit: <http://www.ob.org/futureceos>. In order to bring this program to Bronx Community Board 8 area, Bon Secours NY Health/Schervier must identify the following:

- Interested partners to help with student recruitment and provision of regular weekly classroom space (summer or fall 2011)
- Identification of site specific supporting infrastructure (ex. If a classroom spaces does not have computers with IT, then laptops with aircards must be included in the grant budget)

The meeting concluded with a guided tour of the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center's facilities.

Submitted by:

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