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Young Adults Committee Minutes

September 12th, 2024

Stephanie G. Calzado, Committee Chairperson

Attendance: *Stephanie Calzado, Zion Baldwin, Argelia Ortiz, Clarisa Alayeto*

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Introductions and Meeting Kickoff

- District Manager Anthony Jordan welcomes everyone and explains the process for signing in as a public visitor or board member.
- Committee Chair Stephanie Calzado thanks everyone for attending and emphasizes the importance of community involvement.
- Committee Chair Stephanie Calzado introduces herself, sharing her motivation for joining the community board due to neighborhood changes and the need for community voice.
- Member Zion Baldwin introduces himself as the chair of the education and youth committee, highlighting his long-term residency in the Bronx and his current teaching role.
- Member Argelia Ortiz shares her background and philosophy of helping the community, drawing from his personal experiences growing up in the Bronx.

Discussion on Community Needs and Agenda Approval

- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the district needs assessment process, which involves identifying the most pressing issues for the district.
- The board discusses the importance of community input in identifying district needs and funding priorities.
- Member Zion Baldwin suggests more recreation spaces and permits for youth activities, emphasizing the need for increased access to sports and leisure activities.
- Member Argelia Ortiz raises concerns about youth employment and economic opportunities, advocating for more businesses to hire local youth.

Violence Prevention and Community Engagement

- Member Argelia Ortiz discusses the anti-gun violence employment program and the need for more prevention and early intervention.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto questions the Violence Intervention budget and the need for proactive measures to address community violence.
- Member Argelia Ortiz explains the challenges of funding and staffing for violence prevention programs, emphasizing the need for more prevention efforts.
- The discussion highlights the importance of community outreach and engagement in addressing violence and providing support for at-risk youth.
- Committee Chair Stephanie Calzado and Member Zion Baldwin discuss the need for more lighting around bus stops and public areas for safety.

District Needs and Committee Goals

- The board discusses the district needs, including the need for more recreation centers, economic opportunities for youth, and improved lighting.
- Member Argelia Ortiz emphasizes the importance of academic resources and support for students, highlighting the need for more libraries and study spaces.
- The board plans to collaborate with local businesses and organizations to provide job training and career development opportunities for youth.
- A member of the audience suggests organizing community cleanup events and partnering with local businesses to adopt and maintain clean blocks.
- The board discusses the importance of community outreach and networking to address district needs and engage local youth.

Upcoming Events and Initiatives

- The board plans to visit the Horizon Juvenile Detention Center to gain a better understanding of its operations and needs.
- Committee Chair Stephanie Calzado and Member Zion Baldwin discuss the importance of community engagement and the need for more youth involvement in committee activities.
- The board plans to host a game night event to bring young people together in a safe and engaging environment.
- Committee Chair Stephanie Calzado and Member Zion Baldwin discuss the importance of civic engagement and the need to educate young people about the importance of voting and registering to vote.

- The board plans to organize a workshop on registering to vote and provide resources and support for young people to participate in the democratic process.

Final Discussion and Adjournment

- The board discusses the importance of community outreach and engagement, emphasizing the need for more youth involvement and support.
- Committee Chair Stephanie Calzado and Member Zion Baldwin discuss the need for more career development workshops and opportunities for young people to explore different career paths.
- The board plans to collaborate with local schools and organizations to provide resources and support for at-risk youth.
- Committee Chair Stephanie Calzado and Member Zion Baldwin discuss the importance of community mapping and identifying specific issues and needs in the district.
- The board adjourns the meeting, emphasizing the importance of continued community engagement and collaboration to address district needs.

Action Items

Coordinate a date for the joint committee site visit to Horizon Juvenile Detention Center.

Schedule and promote a community cleanup event.

Reach out to local businesses to establish partnerships and discuss adopting blocks for cleanliness.

Attend the District Services Cabinet meeting to advocate for sanitation issues.

Invite mapping expert to workshop on identifying issues spatially.