



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal & District Manager William Rivera

Youth & Education Committee Summary

January 10, 2020

Board Members Present: Committee Chair Cesar Pagan, Vice Chair Monique Farrington, Nellie Santiago Rivera, Joy Thomas & DM William Rivera

- **Speakers/Presentations**

A. Phipps Neighborhoods: **Presenter:** Brandon Martin, Workforce Development Program Coordinator

***Mission Statement:** Phipps Houses is the oldest and largest not-for-profit developer, owner, and manager of affordable housing in New York City. Its social services affiliate, Phipps Neighborhoods, provides children, youth and families in low-income neighborhoods the opportunities they need to thrive through comprehensive education and career programs, and access to community services. Together they are changing lives in New York City.*

Mr. Martin updated committee on the opportunity Youth Program and distributed flyers attached.

B. Teen Talks **Presenter:** Taneyah Jolly, Founder - theteenstalk.com

***Mission Statement:** Teens Talk is a media website that also publishes and prints monthly issues with writing and artwork that is fully produced by teens. The work published will be centered on topics of politics, identity, and culture. As an outlet is solely focused on young political voices, we encourage more adolescents to be vocal while also providing an older audience a resource to hear these voices.*

Ms. Jolly updated committee on their creative platform for teens and distributed flyers attached.

- **Old Business: A.** The committee chair informed committee that contractors have started re-construction of the NYCHA Sonia Sotomayor Community center gym the past Monday. The committee thanked the District Manager and all the elected officials who advocated for the repairs.
- **New Business: A.** Residents, potential new board members and committee members introduced themselves and discussed many education concerns and shared upcoming events. **B.** Jennifer Brinley from the Parkchester Library distributed information packets and discussed library services.
- **DM Report:** DM Rivera discussed the Youth Yankee awards, Sonia Sotomayor Gym, past toy drive, NYC DOE family coordinator visit, & Civic Workshop @ Parkchester Library.

Adjourned: 8:05 PM

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