



Chairman: Nicholas Himidian, Jr. - District Manager: William Rivera

Youth & Education Committee Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2018

Committee Chair: Venus Williams

Vice Chair: Nicole Washington

- **Introduction**

1. Committee Description: The youth & education committee represents the community's interests with regards to education and programs that target the youth and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Department of Education including Parent Advocates, PTA's, Educators and Principals, School Safety, the Administration for Children Services, the District Attorney's Office, NYC department of Youth & Development and local organizations and nonprofits.

- **Guest Speakers**

A. James Harris

- Lives in Soundview, works at Hunt's Point in the education field
- Has news and weather page on Facebook

B. Darlene Jackson

- Soundview resident and wants to be more involved in the community
- Q: What's the relationship between Community Board 9 and the Bronx District Attorney's Office?
- Asking because the Manhattan DA's office partners with 28 providers for youth opportunity hub preventing them from going into the criminal justice system by expanding workforce and educational opportunities; helping youth from ages 10 to 24 in social, emotional development, and arts enrichment
- Seems like there aren't any nonprofit organization helping the children in the Bronx
- Nick: Send the information about the Manhattan DA to the email provided, so we can possibly try the same program with Bronx DA's office
- Venus: We have PAL and can get you information about nonprofits in the Bronx from the DA's office
- Nick: We can also ask the Police Commissioner
- We have Kips Bay Boys and Girls and Sonia Sotomayor
- Sonia Sotomayor is willing to do it to help them increase their numbers
- Kips Bay gets funding and also has a gym
- Will send flyer to Nick about the Manhattan DA youth opportunity hub
- Nick: Can speak to the 43rd Precinct Council President, Aurora Carrion and give her the packet; they would want to collaborate with us and the Precinct Council are very community-minded people; 1st Wednesday of every month, there's a 43rd Precinct Council meeting

C. Michael Beltzer – Annual Spring Egg Hunt

- Community and political leader
- Wanted to work in collaboration for the Annual Spring Egg Hunt

- Last year, there were 800 eggs and over 75 children participants at Soundview Park at corner of Rosedale and Lacombe Ave
- There were different games besides the Egg Hunt, such as bunny hopping, sack races, carrying eggs across the line, dyeing eggs
- Partnered with JobsPlus and they will provide with 10 Easter Egg baskets to give away as prizes
- They will also provide 4 people: 2 to help set up and 2 for the event
- They have 300 candy eggs as well
- JobsPlus works with MetroPlus and MetroPlus can possibly provide bags for children to put the eggs in
- Looking for volunteers
- March 31st from 2 to 5 PM (Saturday before Easter)
- Beltzer will announce event at the General Board Meeting
- Hid 800 plastic eggs everywhere
- Will use Friday before event to fill the eggs and prepare
- CB9 will be working in collaboration and will be on the flyer
- Friends of Soundview Park are looking to help with some of the activities and games
- Venus will look into more games and continue asking for donations from the community
- Beltzer will need 100 flyers and CB9 can provide them in color
- Event will be under Southeast Bronx Community Council and include collaborators on the bottom of the flyers
- Still looking into PA and borrowed generator last year but will be getting battery-powered generator this year
- CB9 will be tabling, so community will know about meetings
- CB9 can bring water with ice
- The permit is for the amphitheater and the walkway
- Can put the tables in the walkway and do the egg hunt there as well
- Can hide half the eggs in the walkway and the other half near the amphitheater
- Will ask Park to clean up any needles and any other paraphernalia
- JobsPlus will be providing filled baskets
- Problems last time: Older kids were pushing around the younger kids and some parents being unappreciative
- Separate the older and younger kids this year
- Can do something with gold eggs
- Can get a rabbit suit and Nick will hop around in it
- Can get library to table and give out bags with sanitary items or goodie bags
- Friends of Soundview Park only has 8 tables
- CB9 will bring chairs and tables
- Venus will fill the eggs at CB9
- Beltzer wants to go with 1,000-1,200 eggs
- Can get News12, Pix11 and BronxTimes

- **Old Business**

- A. Yankees Youth Leadership Award
 - Was not discussed

- **New Business**

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 PM

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