

COMMUNITY BOARD # 9
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

May 15, 2018
583 Riverside Drive
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Attending Board Members:

Victor Edwards – Committee Chair,
Padmore John - CB9 Chair

Guest:

Joseline Minaya -	Manhattan D. A.'s Office
Estelle Strykers- Santiago	“ “
Maggie Wolk	“ “
Rev. Maurice Winley	Redemption Youth Opportunity Hub
Derrick Haynes	Cayuga Center

Meeting was called to attention at 6:45 p.m.

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all committee members, the guests and explained that this meeting was the 4th meeting in a series of discussions on incarceration. He explained that the three prior meeting had focused on:

1. Justice Reform / C.B. 9 Community Bail Initiative
2. Youth Prevention Programs
3. Re-entry Programs for formerly incarcerated residents

The floor was then turned over to Rev. Winley to describe the services that his organization (Soul Saving Station) in connection with Community Connections for Youth would be offering as part of the Youth Opportunity Hub serving West Harlem. Rev. Winley continued by describing several programs that are offered for area youth through the new Youth Hub which includes:

- work force training,
- family events
- internship opportunities
- youth programs with stipends
- mentoring
- a digital media skills program

The majority of the contact to the community is accomplished through community mentors that reach out to youth that are deemed to be at risk. A connection to the ARCHES program which is affiliated with NYC Dept. Probation was also described as a component.

The Reverend was asked if he would be willing to present to three of the larger housing complexes in the area to which he said he would willing to do. Follow-up information was also to be sent to the CB9 office for future review.

Derrick Haynes suggested getting local sports teams involves to assist in our efforts with area youth, NBA, MLB NFL etc. The Chair noted that this has been done in other communities and would certainly bring young people out.

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Chair John mentioned several non-traditional ideas that would assist in getting young people involved.

The meeting continued with the D.A's office informing the group of two points of interest:

- Gun buy back program taking place on 6/30/18.
- As of 8/1/18 the D.A's office would no longer prosecute people for possession of marijuana instead summonses would be issued.

Rev. Winley tha the Chair and other interested CB9 members visit the Youth Hub to obtain a better idea of the program and services being offered to the community, to which both Chairs agreed to do.

Meeting Adjourn – 8:15 p.m.