

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Action

October 9, 2013

PRESENT: Dr. Vicky Gholson, Judith L. Insell, Sonja Jones, Winston Majette,

ABSENT: Tisha Jackson, Yvonne Stennett, Jen Silverman

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM. A motion was made to accept the October 9, 2013 agenda.

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Stephanie Martinez-Ruckman, Associate Director, Government and Community Affairs
Junelle Carter, Branch Manager, George Bruce Library

- None of the Community Board 9 branches (George Bruce, Hamilton Grange and Morningside Heights) are in jeopardy of closing as a result of the recent capital investment issue facing other branches in Manhattan and Brooklyn
- Launched and/or expanded three (3) innovative programs:
 1. **English classes for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)** – expanded to approximately 30 locations, including all Adult Learning Centers. Classes are offered year-round and run 10 weeks.
 2. **TechConnect** – offers more than 80 technology classes at libraries throughout the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island
 - 6 new technology labs citywide; none in CB 9 due to space and technology limitations
 - Begin discussion to ensure CB 9 needs are considered within second round
 - Expanded programs at 80 branches; NYPL staff will follow-up to determine how many of the expansion programs are within CB 9
 3. **After School Programming (enrichment zone; innovative labs; literacy leaders)**
 - ☑ 2,000 seats throughout the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island; NYPL staff will follow-up to determine how many slots are within the CB 9 catchment area
 - ☑ Literacy Leaders geared for 11th /12th graders: earn school credit while learning to tutor grade-school children in reading. Participants can also apply for a paid tutoring internship at the Library.
- Government & Community Affairs developed an monthly electronic newsletter highlighting programs and services; please confirm CB 9 currently receives publication
- Interested in working more collaboratively with YEL/CB 9

TEACHERS COLLEGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

A "special meeting" was called by Councilman Robert Jackson's Office on October 1st. In attendance were representatives from Councilman Robert Jackson's office, Borough President Scott Stringer's office, Nancy Streim (TC/ TCCS SLT rep), Kofi Boateng (WHDC Exec. Dir.), Rev. Georgette Morgan-Thomas (CB9 Chair), Judith Insell (TCCS SLT/CB9 YEL Comm. rep), and representatives from Columbia University.

The topics that were discussed at the meeting:

Playground Construction

It was desired, by all in attendance, to have construction completed as quickly as possible. A "Groundbreaking Ceremony" was mentioned, to potentially in November. If concrete is not poured before the ground temperature reaches freezing temperatures, then the construction process will cease until the ground has thawed.

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Hearing will be held at PS 125, located at 425 West 123rd Street in the Auditorium. YEL Committee members discussed developing written testimony in collaboration with and approval of the Board.

YOUTH EXPO UPDATE

Winston Majette facilitated an overview and debriefing the Youth Expo; highlighting that event was well received and served a different purpose than that of the spring expo. While this meeting was more of a town hall meeting, it lacked widespread outreach. Members discussed ways in which to build capacity, identify specific roles and responsibilities, and update provider database. Member Majette also reviewed the final budgetary issues associated with the expo.

HELPS STOKES DIGITAL MEDIA TRAINING PROGRAM

- FREE digital media training program for high school students age 14 through 21
- Grant received from West Harlem Development Corp to serve residents of Community Board 9
- Saturday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM starting October 5, 2013
- Requested assistance of CB 9 in reaching target population