



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 8th, 2010 @ 6:30 PM

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM
- II. Youth Violence
 - A. The Committee how the community board might be able to address the problem of youth violence in our community. A need for information on the extent and nature of the problem was identified.
 - B. The Committee will invite local youth organizations, political figures, and the NYPD to the December meeting to share information and begin a networking process.
 - C. Several existing youth programs – including a military training program, the NYPD's Explorers Program, and a program based at Tracy Towers – were suggested as pro-social alternatives to joining a gang for youth in our community.
- III. Miscellaneous concerns
 - A. Lorraine Stewart offered her help in the Committee's continuing interest in youth mental health. She has professional experience with addiction issues, and she informed the Committee that there is a correlation between substance abuse and gang activity.
 - B. Committee members were reminded of the importance of youth input and were encouraged to invite teenagers and young adults to attend our meetings.
 - C. The Committee's meetings for the 2010-2011 term have been set to the second Monday of every month. If the meeting would fall on a holiday, another date will be chosen during the preceding month's meeting.
- IV. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. Next meeting: Monday, December 13, 6:30 PM