

Education & Youth Committee Meeting
Minutes
February 10, 2020

Agenda:

1. Review Youth Recognition Award Applications
2. Meet with community members, parents, regarding concerns on PS 1 Annex site

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- 1) The Committee received a total of six applications for the Youth Recognition Award:
 - a) Ronglin Chen
 - b) Camile Sosa
 - c) Leonardo De La Rosa
 - d) Anderson Veliz
 - e) Ruby Veliz
 - f) Caleb Reed
 - i) One of the applicants although did not live, volunteer, or attend school in the CD7 district but their application was extraordinary. The committee decided to recognize his achievements nonetheless.
 - ii) The Chairperson of the Committee will reach out to the honorees and inform them of the award ceremony to be held before the March board meeting.
- 2) Members discussed issues concerning the PS 1 Annex site
 - a) There is a study being conducted by the SCA/DOE regarding if PS1 Annex site is feasible
 - b) Concern of loss of open space due to annex being built?
 - c) Major concern in young students crossing 3rd Ave to reach 46th St annex
 - d) Action item - committee members voted to send a letter to SCA/DOE on the findings of the PS1 Annex feasibility study, timeframe, and report back to the community. Letter attached.
- 3) Overall challenge in locating schools in the community - recognize only available space is below 3rd Ave, however, there are serious concerns with flooding, pollution, Gowanus, industrial, etc... and setting a precedence.
 - a) If SCA can be innovative in building a high school in Bx over a highway, why can't we be innovative in school construction in Sunset Park?
 - b) SCA/DOE should look at sites where we can build schools and affordable housing in the same lot
 - c) SCA/DOE needs to engage the community in more meaningful dialogue when selecting school sites

February 13, 2020

Dear School Construction Authority,

Community Board 7 members were made aware at our February meeting that SCA will be conducting a study to determine the feasibility of locating an Annex on the P.S. 1 site in-lieu of across Third Ave. The Education & Youth Committee, which met on February 10th with community members, was very pleased to hear that this will be taking place.

I am pleased that SCA is being responsive to the thoughts and concerns of the parents, families, and administrators and are being proactive in understanding how a school located across Third Ave could have unintended impacts on the school community. As SCA initiates this study the Committee would like to ask the following questions:

1. What is the expected timeline for the study? What are the parameters of the feasibility study?
2. Will you be looking at capacity at nearby schools or new school space in determining construction space loss?
3. When the feasibility study is complete, we would like a report-back to the community (at a CEC Meeting, Education Committee Meeting, etc...) so that we can best share it with all affected parents, students, and families.

I look forward to hearing your response. Thank you.

Julio Peña III
Chair, Education & Youth Committee

cc:
CEC15 President, Camille Cassaretti
Superintendent Anita Skop
Councilmember Carlos Menchaca