

**Field Work:** 3/16/17

Hamilton Heights

2 Barbershops/Salons

2 Nail Salons

### **Barbershop #1**

4 Men, 2 Women were involved in discussion

· **Not Enough/Issues**

- Educational Activities
- Parks and Activities
- School Programming
- Many stated their daughter's interest in dance and school-but no schooling is provided.
- More children centered activities
- More programming for all residents
- More children centered museums

§ Many programs in the museums are redundant

§ They want more variability in the things they show (AMNH, MET, Guggenheim)

- More paint schools
- Healthier foods-more frequent food markets
- Culture centered adult activities (dominoes)
- More after school programming
- § Build more capacity-very large waiting lists
- More sports-outdoor activities for youth-keep them engaged, off the streets
- More street festivals and block parties-the community can get to know each other
- Not many science centered education-educating on computer systems etc

§ Nothing outside of school

· **Like-Want to keep-àMake stronger**

- Schools provide free admissions students who are interested in March 16, 2017
- There are sculpture programs given at the Guggenheim
- A culture card is given to parents whose children is <5 years old (google)
- After school clubs

§ The Boy and Girls club

§ El carnival summer camp (google)

- Rivington park-immensely used-most of the community goes there for activities

§ Lots of resources (fields, swimming pool etc.)

### **Salon/Barbershop #2**

1 female, 2 males were involved in discussion

· **Not Enough/ Issues**

- There are activities for autistic children but not enough-a lot of activities that exists so not keep in mind children with disabilities like autism.
- Gentrification and corporations have removed activities from the neighborhood

§ Movie Theatre---à large supermarket

§ Movie theatre---à 99 cents store

- Too many bars business are being developed
- Local artists should be supported more-many famous hip hop artists come here-we need more support
- Murals and Public art was expressed as a beautiful feature to have in the neighborhood
- Arts and cultural programming is seen as important for youth development
- Lots of events occur in the neighborhood but are short in duration.
- Want to see more collaboration between business people
- More teachers that want to teach
- Late working parents aren't taking into consideration when events are created.
- **Like-Want to keepà Make Stronger**
- Museum of natural history-seen as very educational
- Go to movie theatres a lot
- Chuck-E-Cheese hosts these sensory events for autistic children
- Also, a Gym in Manhattan hosts events for autistic children
- A lot free time is spent in the church
- The neighborhood is expressed again as major neighborhood hub-lots of things to do there.
- Murals and Public art was expressed as a beautiful feature to have in the neighborhood
- Arts and cultural programming is seen as important for youth development
- View their neighborhood vibrant in culture-Hispanics, Blacks, Whites Asians.

#### **Nail Salon #1**

3 Females were involved in the discussion

- **Not enough/Issues**
- More activities for children in museums
- Doesn't know about many events that are occurring in the neighborhood
- Activities in the city are sometimes too expensive
- Activities are usually scheduled around work times-address this issue
- Timing itself for events is a huge barrier
- **Like-Want to keepàmake stronger**
- Art education in school
- Painting lessons in school
- Museum for children activities
- Central park for family gatherings
- Lots of dance centered businesses
- The neighborhood park is used a lot

#### **Nail Salon #2**

2 Females, 1 Male

- **Not enough/Issues**
- Not enough support for artists-poetry, dance, musicians
- Events surrounding sports are lacking
- More SAT prep, college readiness courses
- Not much is known about community centers in the neighborhood
- More festivals- good for the community-brings people together
- More promotion of events
- Wants to see fashion be incorporated into events

- More opportunities for fashion artists-funding for opportunities
- Fashion and connecting the community-everyone is interested in
- **Like-Want to keepèmake stronger**
- Summer programs are well spoken about
- Lots of things to do in the community but not being promoted enough

**FIELD DAY: 3/18/17**

**1 HAIR SALON & 2 NAIL SALONS**

**Jackson Heights, Queens (Junction Blvd)**

**Large Caribbean/ South American population**

**HAIR SALON # 1**

**ISSUES & RECOMMENDATIONS**

· **FEMALE 1-MOTHER OF DAUGHTER (5 YEARS OLD), DOMINICAN**

- More locations for gatherings
- Transportation to events is a major barrier
- § Lots of poor families, many children-financial burdens-arts are not prioritized.
- No active community board-to show leadership in community collaboration-communities need help in creating these boards
- Many only Spanish speaking parents-language barrier
- Fundraising committee for the community
- § Events that is inclusive to immigrant families and affordability on their part.
- Not enough promotion of existing events
- Only form of promotion of local events is in school- doing a great job-but we need other avenues
- § Female has never gone to the festivals in fresh meadows and Queens museum
- § But does go to hall of science –strong connection to school field trips
- More funding for
- § Winter events
- § Weekend events
- § More affordable summer camps
- Greater capacity for children-many waitlisted
- Parents should be helped & trained in becoming community leaders- coordinate field trips with schools.
- Art classes- more versatile-music, art appreciation not just technical skills
- **Top recommendations**
- § Affordability & Transportation & Community leadership

· **FEMALE 2-EMPLOYEE OF HAIR SALON, MOTHER OF SON, DOMINICAN**

- More sports centered activities-outside
- § Not many in High Schools
- Many children are unhealthy in this neighborhood-food environment is hard to tackle-we need activities to keep them active.
- Food sources-unhealthy. Healthy is often unaffordable. Too many options of bad food option.
- Promoting healthy eating is not seen as much here vs. Manhattan

- Many people in this neighborhood find church as a support structure- art and religion-collaborate
- More overall youth activates- keeps youth busy, distracted out of trouble.
- After school programs-more constructive- only play, no real work gets done.-bad use of time
- Middle school does well with field trips-Why doesn't a high school keep this activity up- very important time in an adolescent development.
- Very rare she steps out to non-local events- doesn't feel safe for her and her child
- Affordability of living-needs to work-needs support to get in involved in arts and cultural
- **Top Recommendations**
- § Sports activities, positive youth development, and external support to be more involved.

· **FEMALE 3-DIETICIAN, FOREST HILLS RESIDENT, GETS HAIR DONE HERE, DOMINICAN**

- Work is a major barrier in stopping her from getting more involved in the arts and cultural sector
- Large art institutions are centralized, away from these populations-barrier is felt-non-inclusiveness is felt.
- § Bring art to them.
- Transportation, money, work-all barriers.
- More festivals-food centered festivals- introduce healthy alternatives-ethnic food environment is heavy, population needs to be educated our of traditional food methods-often not very healthy-good! But not healthy.
- Building more capacity in terms of
- § Schools & Events
- § Parents & schools
- § Community & families
- Weekends-food education events
- § How to read food labels
- § Making healthy choices
- More activities for youth that provide educational programing-stimulate the mind!
- Implement cultural diversity classes-educate children on how their own community is the most diverse-create prideful identity for borough!- sense of love and commitment to betterment of their community
- Educate them on what's offensive, different ways of dressing, foods and traditions.
- Break the cycle of these populations not feeling included in the arts and cultural world!
- Major support systems to educate parents, parents pass on information to children-break the cycle of ignorance and lack of education.

**NAIL SALON #1**

**FEMALE 1**

- Has lived in the neighborhood all her life, has seen many art educational programs being cut from schools
- Art education is not seen as a priority-many don't understand the importance of a arts and cultural sector in the community
- Find ways to educate the population

- Art education is not given equally-we need to reduce prices for people who can't afford, allocate more funding so that many events and programs could be free.
- Many groups of children get lost-need a safety net for them- need help being brought out of the vicious cycle of miseducation and poverty.
- More funding for more field trips at schools
- More public arts

### **NAIL SALON #2**

#### **FEMALE 1, OWNER OF THE BUSINESS**

- Immigrant Hispanic population, does not feel important, seen and taken into consideration
- No information is given to them about what's going on.
- Now Immigration reform-scared to go to other places-deportation is a huge fear
- A lot of violence in the community- scared to go to the park with their children
- TV and violent experiences traumatize the children-don't want to go out alone.
- More public bathrooms
- More dance, music programs-joy for her children.



