

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MARCH 24, 2009**

**Community Services
Members**

In Attendance: Lois Bronz, Chair, Ken Jenkins, Vito Pinto, Bill Burton.

In Attendance: BOL: Melanie Montalto Guests: Makeda James, Kelly Brown, James Duffy.

Items Discussed: POW'R Against Tobacco's Smoke free Initiatives

Minutes

Chairwoman Bronz called the Community Services Committee meeting to order at 3:19 P.M.

Makeda James, Westchester Coalition Coordinator for POW'R Against Tobacco, gave a presentation on the importance and growing desire for smoke-free housing. She also discussed point-of-purchase advertising which encourages teens to purchase cigarettes.

Legislator Jenkins stated that it may be possible to restrict advertising in stores where children tend to shop.

Kelly Brown, from the Tobacco Free Schools Project of BOCES, spoke to the Committee about Tobacco Free Schools and how they are signing up schools who promise to have a smoke free campus or building for both students and teachers and staff.

James Duffy from Reality Check talked to the Committee about Reality Check's initiative toward smoke-free movies and asked that the Board of Legislators sign a resolution that will be sent to the major Parent Studios and Motion Picture Association of America asking that movies containing smoking be given an "R" rating.

A copy of the materials distributed are on file and available for review.

Moved by Legislator Pinto and seconded by Legislator Jenkins agenda items 24, 26, 32, 36, and 37 were received and filed with a vote of 4-0.

Moved by Legislator Pinto and seconded by Legislator Burton the Committee on Community Services adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

A complete audio recording of the meeting is available for review upon request.