

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting held on 3-25-25
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PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Constance Barnes-Watson
Emily Hausman
Georgia Santiago

AFFILIATION

Chair, ELCA
CB8-Committee Member
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ABSENT

Adiana Rivera
Johanna Edmondson

CB8-Committee Member
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GUEST

Julie Reyes
Farrah Kule Rubin
Rebecca Brown
Aga Chen
Maria A. Gomez

Chair-Bx. Community Bd.8
CB8- District Manager
Manager, Riverdale Library
Mgr., Spuyten Duyvil Branch Library
Manager, Jerome Pk. Library

The minutes of the February 25,2025 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

The Chair introduced Melissa Johnson to speak about the SAPO application before the committee for approval as follows:

WHEREAS Melissa Johnson of Amalgamated Nursery School submitted a SAPO application for an event to be held on May 18,2025 to celebrate their Spring Bazaar.

WHEREAS The street closing will be at Gale Place between Orloff Avenue and Van Cortlandt Park South, from 7:00am to 3:00pm.

WHEREAS This event has been held in the past.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs committee approves this event.

IN FAVOR-(4) S. Alexander, C. Barnes Watson, E. Hausman, G. Santiago

AGAINST (0)

ABSTENTION (0)

The Chair also mentioned another SAPO application from the Chabad of Riverdale for a street closing celebrating Lag Baomer with a block party and picnic on May 15, 2025. The street which will be closed will be West 235 Street between Independence Avenue and Douglas Avenue from 10:00am to 7:00pm. The committee is not required to pass a resolution, but the police and fire department need to approve.

The librarians present gave their extensive reports and encouraged residents to check their websites to continue having access to the changing exciting programs offered.

The Chair presented the items received and highlighted for the FY27 Budget submitted and the committee, by consensus approved and the Chair will forward the budget items to the office for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair, ELCA