

**PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

Bronx Committee Board No. 8

Minutes of the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

Held on October 26, 2021

**PRESENT**

Sylvia Alexander

Moses Esema

Marvin Goodman

Myra Joyce

Rita Pochter-Lowe

Ramdat Singh

Constance Barnes Watson

Martin Wolpoff

**AFILLIATION**

ELCA Committee Chair

CB8, Committee Member

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**GUESTS**

Eric Dinowitz

Rabbi Shemtov

Lorenzo Manzano

Ariceli F. Linc

Peter Pamphile

Sherral

Councilman

Chabad of Riverdale

Rep. CC Dinowitz

Manager, VC Branch Library

**ABSENT**

Sebastain Chittappilly

Joy Campbell Priveterre

CB8, Committee Member

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The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM.

The minutes of the May 26, 2021 were approved as written.

The Chair recognized our guest speaker, Councilman Eric Dinowitz. The Chair Thanked Councilman Dinowitz for his speedy response to the needs of our local schools by awarding them with over \$2 Million on the June Council Budget even though he assumed his new position in April. Some of his funding went to our #4 item on Capital Proposed Budget which is the "Repair of the Track behind MS/HS 368 and used by students on campus and afterschool activities. We have asked OMB for several years and were told they could not fund it. PS37 submitted a

request about 7 years ago and most years since for security cameras and were told the same thing but because Councilman Dinowitz had served on the ELCA Committee while being on CB8 he was familiar with the needs of our schools. PS24 will be funded to repair their bathrooms, RKA will be funded to upgrade their library, PS 7 will be funded to rehab their auditorium, Mosholu Branch Library will be funded for roof repair and Technology funds will be awarded to 5 local schools. These items are only a few examples how lucky we are to receive the attention of Councilman Dinowitz and the City Council speaker to our needs.

Rabbi Shemtov was present for his SAPO request to full street closure of West 239 Street and Henry Hudson Parkway on November 28, 2021, from 4:00PM to 5:15 PM. The event will be for the Chanukah Menorah Lighting. The request was approved by the Community Board 8.

The Manager of the Vac Cortland Branch Library, Peter Pamphile, spoke about the many programs available at our libraries and to remind the community that the libraries are now open, and they have dropped late fees.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Sylvia Alexander, ELCA Chair