

Pending committee approval
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
Minutes of the ELCA Committee
Held on April 25,2023 on Zoom

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Sebastain Chittiliapply
Margaret Donato
Moses Esema
Rita Pochter-Lowe
Ramdas Singh
Georgia Santiago
Judith Green

AFFILIATION

Chair, ELCA Committee
CB8-Committee Member
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ABSENT

Constance Barnes Watson

CB8-Committee Member

QUESTS

David Gellman
Rebecca Brown
Peter Pamphile
Aga Chen
Marielle Anzelone
Lindsey Johnson

CB8
Manager, Riverdale Branch Library
Manager, Van Cortland Branch Library
Manager, Spuyten Duyvil Branch Library
Pop-Up-Forest
Amalgamated Nursery School

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

The minutes of the meeting on February 28,2023 were approved as written. The minutes of the March 28,2023 were corrected to include Peter Pamphile, Manager of the Van Cortlandt Library as attending the March meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Rabbi Shemtov, Chabad of Riverdale submitted a SAPO application for a block party to celebrate Lag Baomer on May 9, 2023. Street closing will occur on West 235 Street between Independence Avenue and Douglas Avenue from 2:00PM to 9:00PM. The committee approved this event.

IN FAVOR- 8 AGAIST- 0 ABSTAIN- 0

Lindsey Johnson, Amalgamated Nursery School submitted a SAPO application to celebrate the Spring Festival on May 21,2023. Street closing on Gale Place between Orloff Avenue and Van Cortlandt Park South from 9:00AM to 4:30PM
The committee approved this event.

IN FAVOR- 8 AGAINST- 0 ABSTAIN- 0

S, Alexander, S. Chittiliapply, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Pocter-Lowe, G. Santago, R. Singh, Judith Green.

Lindsey Johnson, Amalgamated Nursery School also submitted a SAPO application for the Spring Festival with a rain date of June 4, 2023. Street closing on Gale Place between Orloff Avenue and Van Cortlandt Park South from 9:00AM to 4:30PM. The committee approved this event.

FOR- 8 AGAINST- 0 ABSTENTIONS- 0

S. Alexander, S. Chittiliapply, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Pocter-Lowe, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Green

Marielle Anzalone, NYC Botanist, spoke about her project to bring attention to an effort to have a 5 Boroughwide election to select a wildflower to represent the City of New York. She has selected “Spicebush” to represent the Bronx and is working with the New York Botanical Garden. She will be contacting the schools to spread the word to the students. At the end of the voting cycle in November, it is her hope to ask the City Council to pass legislation to officially make “Spicebush” the official wildflower of New York City.

Rebecca Brown, Manager of the Riverdale Library, spoke about a project she is working on. It will take place on June 21,2023 with an exhibit of photographs of Riverdale. She expects participation of 300 to 400 entries in the contest.

Budget FY25-Capital and Expense was finalized to be considered by the Office of Management and Budget in the Fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia Alexander, Chair-ELCA Committee

