

Pending committee approval  
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8  
Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee  
Minutes of June 27,2023 meeting on Hybrid

PRESENT-In-Person

Sylvia Alexander

Constance Barnes-Watson

Sebastian Chittiliapply

Rita Pochter-Lowe

AFFILIATION

Chair-ELCA Committee

CB8-Committee Member

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PRESENT

Extraordinary Circumstances on Zoom

Margaret Della

CB8-Committee Member

Margaret Donato

CB8-Committee Member

Georgia Santiago

CB8-Committee Member

Judith Green

CCM

GUESTS-On Zoom

Nicole Holloway

SCA

Andrea Bender

SCA

Laura Spalter

CB8-Chair

Rosemary Ginty

CB8

Steve Froot

CB8

Randy Martos

Martha Gonzales

Kingsbridge Library, Manager

Aga Chen

Spuyten Duyvil Library, Manager

Christina Carlson

Stacey Fisch

LINC

Angela

Brett Costello

Tina

Theresa

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM.

The minutes of May 23,2023 could not be approved because of lack of a quorum.

The Chair called on Nicole Holloway and Andrea Bender representing School Construction Authority to update information regarding the school proposed to be built at 160 Van Cortland Park South on the Visitation site. The school will have its entrance on Review Place and should be ready for occupancy in 2027. The school will have 696 seats. After the presentation there were many questions. Some were answered and some will have future answers given to the committee. The YouTube tape will be posted on our website next week.

Some of the questions were as follows:

- a) The residents were in favor of a smaller school with play areas other than rooftop and easement early childhood play area adjacent to parking lot. We were told that the building proposed is standard size. Asked if smaller buildings have been built in the city and specify their locations. When asked if easement 2,500 sq. ft. play area was required, the answer was “no”.
- b) Was the whole property offered to SCA for a school. The answer was “No”.
- c) Will there be an auditorium large enough to hold assemblies, the answer was “No”. Instead, they will have a multi-purpose gym area for that purpose.
- d) Asked about staging during construction on site, for the safety of the community.
- e) Who makes the decision to build a school. SCA when site is available.
- f) How many staff members will be in the building and where will they park? Issue up to DOE.
- g) SCA was asked if they are willing to come back when additional information is available. They agreed. SCA requested their detailed presentation not be on our website because it would be a safety issue for students attending the school.

The Chair asked Martha Gonzales, Manager-Kingsbridge Library, if all was ready for the celebration on 6-28,2023. She shared that all was in order and the community looks forward to the event.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Alexander, Chair-ELCA Committee