

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting held on January 26, 2021

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Moses Esema
Marvin Goodman
Rob Jacklosky
Myra Joyce
Rita Pochter-Lowe
Ramdat Singh
Martin Wolpoff
Judith Green

AFFILIATION

ELCA committee Chair
CB8-Committee Member
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Community Committee Member

GUESTS

David Gellman
Oren Hiller
Araceli
Denise Bruxelles
Constance Barnes-Watson
IC-L-Engel
Rebecca Brown
Peter Pamphile
Jessica Haller
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CB8
Riverdale Jewish Center

Manager-Riverdale Branch Library
Manager-VC Branch Library

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

The minutes of October 23, 2020 were approved as written.

The Chair called upon Oren Hiller, representing Riverdale Jewish Center in their request for a SAPO application. The Riverdale Jewish Center is seeking a street closing of West 237 Street between Independence Avenue and Blackstone Avenue on February 25, between 1:00PM to 9:00PM. The event is to celebrate

the Holiday of Purim After much discussion the request was unanimously approved.

The Chair reported that the November meeting was aborted because of technical problems. The Chair is sorry for the inconvenience to the committee members and to the community who could not access the meeting.

The Chair has been in touch with the Broadway Plaza Family Shelter in connection with the availability of Wi-Fi for the children of school age. The Chair was told that the Shelter does not have Wi-Fi but the students have Apple iPads from the Department of Education, which are wired for use. During discussion it was discovered that the use of Laptops and iPads are not the same. This presents challenges for the teachers. In the future the Shelter would appreciate having Wi-Fi and Laptops for the students. This could be considered as a Budget Priority for the FY2023 Budget.

The Chair presented the responses from OMB on the committee's Budget Priorities FY2022. The responses were not helpful and disappointing.

The Managers of both the Riverdale and Van Cortlandt Library Branches told the ELSA committee about their many programs they have for virtual enjoyment and encourages the community to avail themselves by using the NYPL website.

A request from a committee member was made to obtain more information about the future of the Gifted & Talented program. The Chair will address the request.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Alexander, Chair ELCA

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