

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

Minutes of the Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee
held on November 26, 2019

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Nickolas Fazio
Rob Jacklowsky
Marvin Goodman
Rita Pochter-Lowe

AFFILIATION

Education Committee, Chair
CB8, Committee Member
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ABSENT

Judith Green
Sharon Paige
Martin Wolpoff

Community Committee Member
CB8, Committee Member
CB8, Committee Member

GUESTS

David Gellman
I. William Stone
Peter Pamphile
Martha Gonzalez Buitrago
Rebecca Brown Barbier

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Manager, Van Cortlandt Library
Manager, Kingsbridge Library
Manager, Riverdale Library

The meeting came to order at 6:15 PM.

The Chair corrected the minutes of October 29, 2019 to read “the committee approved the minutes of September 24, 2019” and also corrected several typos in the October 29, 2019 minutes. The minutes were approved, as corrected, unanimously.

The Chair presented the request of Rabbi Shemtov for a street closing. The event is the Chanukah Menorah Lighting to be held on December 22, 2019. The street closing will be at the triangle at West 239 Street between Riverdale Avenue and Henry Hudson Parkway at the discretion of NYPD. The area will be closed from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This event has been held in the past.

Vote of the committee: In Favor: 5 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

In Favor: S. Alexander, N. Fazio, M. Goodman, R. Jacklowsky, R. Pochter-Lowe.

Discussion was held on the City Council Intro 1676- (calling for a report regarding serving from scratch food in schools) has been in the City Council Education Committee since September and the committee felt that we would monitor the issue further to see what action will be taken.

The Managers of the libraries attending the meeting gave their updates on the programs they are offering their communities. This information can be found on their websites.

Peter Pamphile, the manager of the Van Cortland Library conducted a tour of the new location of the library which opened on July 15,2019. The library received all new books and updated technology. The community is very lucky and is using it with great pride.

There will not be a December meeting since it would fall on Christmas Eve.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee