

**MINUTES OF THE LIBRARIES AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2006 AT THE BOARD OFFICE
5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE
AT 7:30 PM**

PRESENT

Libby Vazquez
Bob Abbott
Kathy Rivas
Thomas Giallorenzi

AFFILIATION

Committee Chairperson
CB8
Community Resident
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Welcome and introduction of all present conducted.

Libraries Update:

Kathy Rivas, community member attended meeting to discuss her concerns with the delay and lack of communication from NYPL regarding the renovations/reopening of the Jerome Park Library.

Chair reported communicating with Bronx District Librarian regarding Jerome Park and being told that the reopening should be happening in November 2006. The public will be invited to the “re-opening.” Librarian also informed chair that she will have more information on the new Kingsbridge library construction shortly. Alternating branch librarians will be attending full board meetings.

Committee went over the FY 2007-2009 budget allocations for library projects. Questions arose as to Bronx system wide technology upgrade allocations’ impact on CB8 libraries. Chair will follow up and get more information if possible.

Committee questioned funding for Kingsbridge new building; chair to follow up.

Cultural Affairs:

Former Director of Judaica Museum, an active member of this committee, is no longer at museum.

Discussed reaching out to organizations, such as the Bronx Council for the Arts (BCA), for information as to what is going on with the arts/art funding/artists in our area.

Preliminary discussion of what should the role of this committee be in “cultural affairs” in CB8. Further discussion to follow at next meeting.

Next meeting set for Monday, November 6th.

Libby Vazquez
Chairperson
Libraries and Cultural Affairs

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