

**MINUTES OF THE LIBRARIES AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2006 AT THE
KINGSBRIDGE LIBRARY
280 WEST 231ST STREET AT 7:30 PM**

Participants: CB8 Member: Marty Wolpoff; Community Members: Ceil Gordet; NYPL District Librarian Marisa Parish and Kingsbridge Head Librarian Steve Barker; Ed Friedman, Bronx Council on the Arts; Committee Chairperson, Libby Vazquez

Minutes from November 6th meeting approved.

Cultural Affairs:

Ed Friedman from Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) was our guest speaker: Reported grant monies available for Bronx Artists, Arts Associations and Schools. For details and application deadlines, see website www.bronxarts.org; plenty of applicants from our district. BCA E- newsletter available through website; BCA working with Riverdale Neighborhood House.

Events/programming sponsored by BCA: First Wednesdays Bronx Trolley – being offered again on February 7th; Longwood Gallery at Hostos Community College (reviewed by NY Times – destination gallery); Artisan’s Boutique – economic development tool; Bronx Writer’s Center works with youth.

Libraries Update:

District Librarian Marisa Parish reported:

Again no update available on the reopening of Jerome Park .

Parish provided a contact list for NYPL for community complaints – list to be provided to CB8 office.

Discussion of ongoing community needs analysis being done by the NYPL.

NYPL has gathered demographics data and has been using data to set programming goals. Copies of “Planning on Results,” report provided. We were also provided with District Library usage reports. Further discussion of usage results to be held at next meeting.

For next meeting – discuss mission of committee and begin to plan Spring event.

Next meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2007. Chairperson to confirm meeting date and location.

Libby Vazquez
Chairperson
Libraries Committee

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