

**Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee
Minutes from meeting held on June 12, 2007**

In attendance: Bob Abbott, Martin Wolpoff and Libby Vazquez (Chair)

We went over the budget priorities for 2009

Specifically we discussed the need for further research on the expansion/renovations needed to the Spuyten Duyvil branch. At the May 11th public forum the Spuyten Duyvil head branch librarian spoke of the tight quarters the branch is housed in and the demanding needs on the branch from the community.

Our committee discussed briefly the possible need for a larger new building for the Spuyten Duyvil branch instead of renovation/expansion (in light of the extensive growth of the residential population in the surrounding neighborhood.) The committee wishes to discuss this issue with the NYPL and move up the Spuyten Duyvil branch to our second priority for the 2009 Budget Priorities (from third priority in the 2008 budget priorities). Chair to contact Marisa Parish at NYPL regarding our budget priorities to make sure we are on the same page with the NYPL on our priorities.

Discussed the May 11th forum at the newly renovated Jerome Park Branch:

Presentations were made by several staff members of the NYPL regarding programming and status/plans for the renovation/and new construction in our district;

NYPL expressed its priority being providing six day services at all the branches;

Kingsbridge: new target date for start on construction on new building is Oct 2007.

Chair to send thank you letters to NYPL staff presenters.

Discussed possible event/forums for committee to hold in the Fall (including a forum featuring a community artist and an essay contest).

Committee will not be meeting during the summer.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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