

**COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX**

**MINUTES OF THE LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2008  
AT THE VAN CORTLANDT BRANCH LIBRARY NYPL  
3874 SEDGWICK AVENUE**

**PRESENT:**

Libby Vazquez

Horace Harrison

Michael Alvarez

**AFFILIATION:**

Chairperson, Libraries & Cultural Affairs  
Committee

Van Cortlandt Branch Head Librarian

Director of Bronx Libraries

Renovations to the Van Cortlandt branch have been part of the committee's budget priorities for quite some time – committee chair toured branch with head librarian.

Mr. Harrison discussed branch's high patronage statistics and history of renovations to space. Discussed the need for renovation of branch (better use of current space) or obtaining new space. In obtaining new space, obstacle is the lack of adequate rental/new space in the neighborhood.

Chair discussed with Mr. Alvarez setting budget priorities for 2010. The committee seeks to be on the same page as the NYPL in setting priorities. Mr. Alvarez will discuss priorities with Robert Bellinger from NYPL and get back to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Libby Vazquez  
Chairperson  
Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee

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