

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX

**MINUTES OF THE LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2008
AT THE RIVERDALE BRANCH OF THE NYPL**

Present

Robert G. Abbott
Rosemary Murray
Maria Khury
Bridget Maybury
Karen Pesce
Martin Wolpoff

Affiliation

Committee Chairman, CB#8
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Bike Racks – At the invitation of the Bronx Borough President, and following discussion with the NYPL, the Committee will request installation of bike racks at three branch libraries: Riverdale, Kingsbridge, and Jerome Park.

Kingsbridge Update – Construction of the new Kingsbridge branch has started with the building of a plywood construction fence around the property on the corner of West 231st Street and Corlear Avenue. The contractor has also rented a storefront on West 231st Street which will serve as their construction office.

Artists Show - The Riverdale branch has been hosting an exhibit of paintings and photography by members of the Riverdale Art Association. Mr. Wolpoff questioned making this a regular relationship so that the Riverdale Art Association would have a “home gallery” at the library. Ms. Murray is receptive to the idea. Mr. Wolpoff will further explore the idea with leadership of the art association.

Guest Participant - Karen Pesce, Chair of the Aging Committee. We discussed a wide range of issues and ideas for the two committees to have a joint meeting where the NYPL can present their outreach program for seniors. As a result of the discussion many tentative plans will be shared with the Bronx NYPL management. Ms. Pesce will explore possible venues with a mid-January target date.

Submitted by,

Robert G. Abbott
Chairman
Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee