

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX
MINUTES OF THE LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2008

Present

Robert G. Abbott
Maria Khury
Bridget Maybury
Martin Wolpoff
Claudia Bonn
Arnold Schonfeld

Affiliation

Committee Chairman, CB#8
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President, Wave Hill

Bronx Council on the Arts - Bob reported on his meeting with staff (Ellen Pollan and Ed Friedman) of the Bronx Council on the Arts. They were interested in the library forum initiative and would be open to discussions with us on future presentations they could give in the Bronx Community Board No.8 community. As discussed, their calendar is mostly focused on the fall of the year with only the BRIO awards still ongoing at this time (applications for artistic candidates open thru January 23rd) for the \$3000 prizes. Last year almost half of the 25 award recipients were from Bronx Community Board No.8. More discussion needed around May-June 2009 to explore possibilities.

Library Forum Plans – Detail plans for the library forum will be discussed with New York Public Library (NYPL) leadership on Friday December 5th. Meeting at that time should include the likely forum presenters as to the library outreach to seniors. Meeting with the possible venue (Riverdale “Y”) scheduled for December 10th. Due to timing of these meetings and the committee schedule, updates will be provided through e-mail.

Wave Hill update – Ms. Claudia Bonn described the planned renovation of Wave Hill house to begin in January 2010 and to require approximately 18 months to complete. The renovation is almost entirely interior (other than handicap access ramps) with concentration on heating, lighting, air conditioning, and the introduction of an elevator. The facility will not be useable during the project duration. NYC is funding a large part of the work although it is expected that a fund raising campaign will be necessary. Wave Hill expects to schedule a presentation for the Land Use committee in January of 2009.

Submitted by,

Robert G. Abbott, Chairman
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