

(pending committee approval)
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 8
Minutes of the Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee
Held on March 26, 2019

| Present | AFFILIATION |
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| Sylvia Alexander | Chair, ELACA Committee |
| Sharon Paige | CB8-Committee Member |
| Marvin Goodman | CB8, Committee Member |
| Rita Pochter-Lowe | CB8, Committee Member |
| Martin Wolpoff | CB8-Committee Member |
| Judith Green | Community Committee Member |

| ABSENT | |
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| Tricia Mullen | CB8-Committee Member |

| GUESTS | |
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| Tim Tureski | Manager, Spuyten Duyvil Library |
| Nicole McDonald | Jerome Park Library |
| Jamie Benjamin | Amalgamated Nursery School |
| Shari Vasquez | Amalgamated Nursery School |
| Jane Falbo | Kingsbridge Heights Community Center |
| I. C. Lowenberg-Engel | Community Resident |

The meeting came to order at 7:40PM. Introductions of committee members and guest were made.

The minutes of November 27, 2018, January 29, 2019 were approved unanimously. The February 26 minutes were corrected to reflect the omission of members absent. They were T. Mullen, M. Wolpoff, S. Paige, and R. Pochter-Lowe. The minutes were approved as corrected.

The following resolution was presented regarding three SAPO applications.

Be it resolved-SAPO Application- Amalgated Nursery School Spring Bazaar on May 19, 2019 to be held on Gale Place between Van Cortlandt Park South and Orloff Avenue-Full street closure from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. S. Benjamin addressed the committee. This event is a fundraiser and celebration of Spring. This event has been held previously. The committee voted unanimously in favor.

In Favor: 6 Against-0 Abstentions- 0
S. Alexander, S. Paige, M. Goodman, R. Pochter-Lowe, M. Wolpoff, Judith Green-Community Committee Member.

Be it resolved-SAPO Application-Kingsbridge Heights Community Center on May 18, 2019 to be held at 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace between Perot Street and Summit Place with full street closure between the hours of 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. This event has been held previously. Jane Folio addressed the committee. The committee voted unanimously in favor.

In Favor- 6 Against- 0 Abstentions- 0
s. Alexander, S. Paige. R. Pochter-Lowe, M. Goodman, M. Wolpoff, Judith Green-Community Committee Member.

Be it resolved-, SAPO Application-Lag B'Omer Block Party will be held on May 23, 2019-2:00 to 8:30 pm. There will be a full street closure at West 235 Street between Independence Avenue and Douglas Avenue. This event has been held previously. The applicant was not present. The committee did not vote but will be brought to the full Board meeting.

Library Report-Tim Tureski, Manager of the Spuyten Duyvil Branch Library and Nicole McDonald, Manager of the Jerome Park Branch Library spoke of the many after school programs being conducted at their branches such as homework help, Immigration Poetry Book Markings, Councilman Cohen's

Participatory Budget Voting, ESOL programs, Children's Book Club, many different workshops. All branches make available calendars each month. See more information at all branches on their websites.

The Chair reported that the Libraries have submitted FY2021 Budget Request. Several schools have also submitted FY2021 Budget Requests.

CAPITOL-Libraries

The Libraries are seeking capitol funding to ensure that our branches can continue to meet the growing needs of the community, anticipated projects range from major renovations to target upgrades including:

- Heating and cooling systems upgrade
- New roof, windows and doors
- Fire alarm, security and technology
- ADA compliance
- Elevator replacement

Current priority capitol needs in Bronx CB8 include:

CAPITOL-LIBRARIES-Riverdale Library-\$255,000.00 This branch is in need of exterior upgrades which will beautify the branches exterior to complete the patron's experience

EXPENSE-Libraries:

The branch Libraries seek to maintain their Expense Funding and urge the administration to Baseline the \$16Million in funding secured in FY2019 Adopted Budget.

The school requests as follows:

CAPITOL-Education-DOE-- PS24-Recess yard-makeover blacktop & no activities presently

Education-DOE--PS81-Air-conditioning for Auditorium

EXPENSE--Education-DOE—PS24-Industrial size copy machine w/toner & service

Education-DOE---PS81-Renovation of main office- Flooring, Furniture, etc.

Education-DOE—Bronx Theater School-Funds to support performing arts program and special productions in the Black Box Theater. Theater programs go from September through June.

Old Business-

The Chair shared the progress that has been made pertaining to the committee's community event, "Women's Suffrage-Women's right to Vote" The event will be held at Wave Hill on May 19, 2019 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in Armor Hall in the main house. The Bronx Historical Society will be present to give a lecture on the subject. Plans are under way to send out a Save The Date notice. More information will be available shortly. The Chair and the committee are excited to offer this Cultural Affairs event free of charge to the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee