

(Pending committee approval)
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
Minutes of the Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting
Held on February 25, 2020

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Nick Fazio
Marvin Goodman
Rob Jacklosky
Martin Wolpoff

AFFILIATION

ELCA Committee Chair
CB8-Committee Member
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ABSENT

Rita Pochter-Lowe
Judith Green

CB8-Committee Member
Community Committee Member

GUESTS

Dr. Vasthi Acosta
Veronica Almedina
Wanda Maria
Additional 19 Parents
Tim Tureski
Moses Esema
Jane Fedloro

Amber Charter School, Executive Director
Amber Charter School, Principal
Amber Charter School, Spokesperson for Parents
Amber Charter School
Spuyten Duyvil Library, Manager
Resident
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

Introductions were made of committee members and guests.

The minutes of January 28, 2020 were approved as written.

Wanda Maria, a parent representative from Amber Charter School explained the on going situation with the proposed suspension of bus service for students handed down from the administration of the school. The bus suspension would be for the September 2020 school year.

The Executive Director, Dr. Acosta explained that a letter was sent out to parents and new incoming students 2 years ago.

Ms. Maria felt that the letter did not fully explain what would be happening in the future. Her son has attended the school since he was in Kindergarten and she is very pleased with the education he has been receiving. .

As many of the parents are working parents the bus service allows for students to get to school and parents to get to work. It would be a hardship with the possibility of the elimination of transportation for students.

During the extended conversation the suggestion was made that if Corlear Avenue could be made into a one way street between West 231 Street and West 232 Street it would improve the traffic flow.

The suggestion was made that Ms. Maria could get in touch with the Traffic & Transportation committee to have the item included on the agenda for the next meeting in March for further discussion and consideration.

SAPO application: Jane Fedloro-Kingsbridge Heights Community Center presented the request for support of Bronx Community Board No. 8 for a street closing on May 2, 2020. The street closing would be at 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace between Perot Street and Summit Place from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. This event was held previously.

Vote of Committee: In Favor-5 Against- 0 Abstentions- 0

In Favor- S. Alexander, N. Fazio, M. Goodman, R. Jacklosky, M. Wolpoff

SAPO application. A request for Israeli Independence Festival on April 29, 2020 was received from the Bronx Borough President's office. A street closure would be on Netherland Avenue between W. 236 Street and Henry Hudson Parkway from 12:00PM to 5:00PM. This event was held previously.

Vote of Committee: In Favor- 5 Against- 0 Abstentions- 0

In Favor: S. Alexander, N. Fazio, M. Goodman, R. Jacklosky, M. Wolpoff

SAPO application: Spring Festival May 2, 2020. Closure of sidewalk on Eastside of Post Road between West 254 Street and West 256 Street from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

Contact could not be made with sponsoring group on several occasions. They brought a SAPO Application to us in October 2019 and the ELCA and Bronx Community Board No. 8 approved It. Then the sponsoring group cancelled without explanation. Therefore the committee tabled the request until we can contact the sponsoring group for more information.

Vote of Committee: To Table: 5 Against- 0 Abstention- 0

S. Alexander, N. Fazio, M. Goodman, R. Jacklosky, M. Wolpoff

Tim Tureski, Manager of the Spuyten Duyvil Library gave a report of some of the programs offered at the branch. At this time the Libraries are closed because of the Coronavirus.

The budget letters went out to the schools and we received only three requests before the schools were closed by Mayor de Blasio. Therefore, our budget priorities are incomplete at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee