



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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COMMUNITY RELATIONS / INTERGOVERNMENTAL & LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Attendance sheet on file
- II. Community Relations
 - A. On-site meeting between the New Bronx Center Library director & the Long Term Planning Committee Chair Ms. Walker & Member Mr. Ali was successful.
 - B. They agreed to support the Committee's goal that the Old Library becomes a Community Center.
 - C. The Bronx Library Center agreed to give a room for 20 students starting this Fall for the "Science Schools Initiative" program as an additional site.
 - D. The "Science Schools Initiative" director will visit the site this summer with the committee. Financial support from our elected officials will be sought.
- III. Intergovernmental
 - A. Christine Capetillo, the public relations representative from the Office of the Majority Leader Joel Rivera shared the following:
 1. Honorable Joel Rivera will allocate one million dollars to have the Old Library redesigned into a Community Center for our youth.
 2. That she will find out the latest status on the building and the architectural layout of the building for our next meeting.
- IV. Long Term Planning regarding "Old Fordham Library" site
 - A. Joyce Hernandez made a presentation of the Ad Hoc Committee goals for the "Old Library" site that she, Ozzie Brown and Jay Shuffield have worked on. (See the attached outline)
 - B. Youth Committee Chair Mr. Joe Lee will look into funding sources for the library and the Science initiative
 - C. Transportation Committee Chair Mrs. Lowell Green will look into the status of the corridor located between the "Old Bainbridge Library" and "The Bronx Library Center" on Kingsbridge Road, to find if there is future, enhanced beautification and safety plan for that area.
 - D. Vice Chair Ozzie Brown shared how the main objective of the "Old Library" was to be a high technological program to empower our youth.
 - E. Chair Adaline Walker shared how the committee wants to combine the advances in technology, education and the arts.
 1. This could include a day care.
 2. In addition, it would include the future set up of a permanent site for the "Science Schools Initiative" to service all middle school students of the community.
 3. The next step is to set up a meeting with the Department of Health to ascertain the status of the building becoming a community center for our youth.
 - i. Helene will investigate other sites for an animal shelter for the Bronx, as that is still needed in our borough.
 - ii. Community Board Chair Mr. Foster recommended that we write a draft proposal on what the site would be used for.
 - iii. Long Term Planning Committee Chair outlined a draft proposal to be upgraded this summer for approval. (See attached)
- V. Adjournment