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Library & Cultural Affairs Committee

Meeting held at the Kingsbridge Branch of NYPL, on October 1, 2007

In attendance: Marty Wolpoff, CB member, Steve Barker, Kingsbridge branch, Rosemary Murray, Riverdale Branch, Libby Vazquez, Chairperson

Report on Libraries:

New hours – libraries are open six days a week. Four late nights a week.

On the New Kingsbridge building - DDC (Dept of Design and Construction) is re-bidding the General Contracting work-bids first time around came in way too high.

The bidding process should take about 1-2 months, after which we will have a better idea of when the project will start.

From the local papers we learned that the Kingsbridge Branch will be a “green building”, like the Bronx Library Center.

Libraries trying out a new management structure – each library runs sort of “independently” – head of each branch reporting to Director of Bronx Libraries, Mike Alvarez. District librarian position eliminated.

New management structure is in trial run until the end of the year.

Riverdale branch – head librarian reports that the branch will definitely reopen Oct 15th. New carpeting, new toddler area, new checkout machines, some “new” used furniture .

Next meeting we will be concentrating on planning an event featuring a local artist (a writer, painter, etc), to be held at a neighborhood branch. Chair to bring in ideas on local artists to feature.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, Nov 5th at the Riverdale Branch. Chair to reach out to new Bronx Library Head, Mike Alvarez to attend.