



The City of New York

Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Eileen Miller Chairperson / Joseph Marziliano District Manager

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Board Members
FROM: Benjamin Turner, Chair
Library Committee
RE: Multiple Items
DATE: February 18, 2020

On February 18, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., the Library Committee to discuss multiple items. Present were committee Chair Benjamin Turner, Board Chair Eileen Miller, 1st Vice Chair Christine Haider, Committee Members, Susan Cerezo, George Mihaltses, Board Member John Kelly, and District Manager Joseph Marziliano.

Mr. Turner called the meeting to order and announced that the Friends of the Douglaston/Little Neck branch library will have a meeting at 6 p.m. on February 27th. He encouraged the committee to attend if they are able. Follow up was discussed regarding the Committee's February 5th letter to the Queens Public Library regarding the status of the reconstruction of the Douglaston/ Little Neck Branch. A response from the agency regarding an update on this item is pending.

Next the committee discussed funding cuts to library aid in the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 NYS Budget. Mr. Turner announced that the proposed cuts would be \$5 million in the expense budget and \$20 million in capital funding. The committee explored the idea of proposing a resolution to the full board in favor of full budgetary aid to libraries. Unfortunately, there would not be enough time in before the adoption of the budget to pass such a resolution and get it to lawmakers in time. Instead the Committee opted to write a committee letter to Governor Cuomo in favor of such a measure.

Ms. Cerezo made a motion to write a letter to Governor Cuomo asking for full library aid funding in the NYS Fiscal Year 2021 Capital and Expense Budget, seconded by Ms. Haider.

The motion passed unanimously. Next the committee discussed reaching out to the Library Branch Managers in CB 11 to better understand their capital and expense needs for the fall. They will be invited to a future committee meeting.

The Committee Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Joseph Marziliano
District Manager