

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX

MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 22ND, 2011 AT RIVERDALE YM/YWHA 5625 ARLINGTON AVENUE

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Anthony Creaney
Tom Durham
Beverly Fettman
Philip Friedman
Irving Ladimer
Georgia Santiago
Baya Butler
Nancy D'Auria
Marvin Goodman
Kathy Gorup
Alvin Shatkin

AFFILIATION

Committee Chairperson, CB#8
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BJCC & Ampark NORC
Hebrew Home
Riverdale Senior Center
Classic Residence in Yonkers
Riverdale Senior Center

1. Minutes of prior meeting corrected to indicate that BJCC does case management but no longer provides meals on wheels. Accepted as corrected.
2. Speaker, Phil Friedman, Treasurer and Chair of Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8: it is each committee's responsibility to get feedback from agencies and other nonprofits on needs for 2013 to increase the likelihood of funding. Funding requests should come before the Committee to evaluate the need identified and its justification. Duplicate requests from CB8 committees don't necessarily mean they'll be included as expense/capital request items; Aging Committee's requests are expense items only and they should be justified in the request. In CB8 the population is approx. 92,000 with 22% identified as "older adults," based on 2007 data (latest census figures unavailable). This Committee is allowed to submit as many requests as it chooses, but not all will be selected for the final list. A public hearing will be scheduled for April/May to get community and agency input. 58 Community Boards are vying for the same "available" money. Reviewed were expense budget requests for 2012, responses to requests and budget process summary.
3. Agency/Individual Reports
 - a. BJCC will have volunteers deliver 600 Passover packages to homebound seniors; the delivery will also enable identification of those seniors needing additional help. 23 agencies have referred people for the packages.
 - b. I. Ladimer: safety and well being of older adults should be a priority. Elder abuse needs to be addressed, possibly by the Bx. District Attorney's office. Fall prevention programs are needed.

- c. Riverdale Senior Services: an ongoing project is looking for broken sidewalks which could result in trip and fall.
 - d. M. Goodman: retired school supervisors will meet at Atria, noon on 3/22. Its membership might provide volunteers for local community projects.
 - e. Classic Residence offers its site for a future meeting.
 - f. AARP: Church of the Mediator, our area food pantry, has a dire need for more food contributions. Availability is now based on alternating zip codes. Donations can be brought to the Church or left at area banks. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, RSVP is seeking volunteers 55 yrs. and older to be trained as a public benefit counselor. Contact Edwina Osborne, 212-614-5412.
 - g. T. Durham, CB8 Housing Chairperson: a survey of the number of homeless in the Bronx has been done and results are awaited. Question raised about whether Ethical Cultural Society continues to provide space for homeless men once weekly.
 - h. Classic Residence: volunteers may be available to go to senior centers to discuss abuse, financial, emotional, and physical.
 - i. Hebrew Home: continues to have a shelter for abused. Presentations available: 914-368-5500.
4. Miscellaneous
- a. Reportedly some Post Office substations will be closed. No details on locations or timing.
 - b. Emergency Preparedness is seeking volunteers. Contact www.nyc.gov/medicalreservecorps or 212-788-5261.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 3/22/11 at Riverdale Senior Services, 2600 Netherland Avenue

Submitted by,

Karen Pesce
Chairperson