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# BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 17, 2018 AT RIVERDALE SENIOR SERVICES (RSS)

#### PRESENT

Lisa Daub Karen Pesce Rita Pochter Lowe Georgia Santiago I.W. Stone Sharon Asherman Sandra Bowie Ian Christner David Gellman Marvin Goodman Judith Green Selena Ng Suad Hassan Julia Schwartz-Leeper + 7 Community Residents

### **AFFILIATION**

CB8 Committee Chair CB8 Committee Member, CB8 Secretary CB8 Committee Member CB8 Committee Member CB8 Committee Member Riverdale Y Senior Center RSS RSS CB8 CB8 Community Committee Member Educ.CB8 RSS NIDC RSS On file

# Not Present:

Irving Ladimer

CB8 Committee Member

The meeting commenced at 3:30 PM

### Introductions

Chair thanked our hosts at Riverdale Senior Services and our speaker, Julia Schwartz-Leeper, RSS Executive Director, on the topics of model budget and the future of senior centers. Participants introduced themselves.

## Topic – Model Budget / Future of Senior Centers

Ms. Schwartz-Leeper informed participants of focus areas supported by LiveOn NY and senior centers, recent advocacy successes and answered questions. Focus is on supporting homebound elders, elder abuse and senior centers. Concern is doing more with flat budget. Hope to increase \$10M DFTA funding increase to \$20M by 2021. Case management received a funding boost to enable hiring of qualified social workers. Centers are trying to add more fresh food and enhance kitchen staffing and custodial services to improve health and environment. More funding for indirect costs such as general and financial administration is also needed. Center budgets are fixed but need to show expenses to get reimbursed. City Council funding is critical to centers. Cash flow is difficult - DFTA decreased funding lag time to two months with online expense submissions and paper copies reduction. Council funding lags by six months. Fund raising and other non-profit support is important to meet daily needs. RFP for senior centers will go out in two years, with focus on "fair" funding distribution.

<u>The work ahead</u>: change perception that centers are for "someone else", e.g., BINGO stereotype vs. robust programming. Need to communicate that centers empower, engage and give purpose - older adults are givers, not takers. Older adults volunteer and many will participate in advocacy day on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Focus on education, quality classes and leaders that engage multiple generations, address ageism, change the language to who we are now. Raise

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awareness that social services are part of economic development – organizations are employers and older adults are consumers. We vote.

The Aging Committee thanked Julia for her contributions to RSS and to the entire community. She is moving on to a new position and will be missed.

## Minutes

December 19, 2017 minutes – Unanimous 5/0/0 - approved January 16, 2018 minutes – Unanimous 5/0/0 - approved March 20, 2018 minutes – Unanimous 5/0/0 - approved

# Expense Budget FY2020

Participants discussed expense budget requests with an additional item put forward. Chair will draft to meet requested submission date and send to Budget Chair and Committee Members, incorporating information from today's meeting

# **New Business & Updates**

- Posters distributed for Senior Fitness programs in Parks and for CM Cohen's Participatory Budgeting
- Community Service Awards will be presented at May Board meeting
- Member attendance reminder, especially important in smaller committees
- Community members are no longer on the committee but Ms. Asherman will continue to attend
- Adult Protective Services has a new director [S.Hassan noted]

# Old Business - None

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM. Location to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

Prepared and submitted by Lisa Daub Chair, Aging Committee