

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8  
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2016 AT  
RIVERDALE SENIOR SERVICES**

**PRESENT**

Lisa Daub  
Marvin Goodman  
Georgia Santiago  
Sharon Asherman  
Enrie Morales  
Andrew Cohen  
Robert Ackerson  
Sarah Goldberg  
Cheryl Kanin-Ferst  
Elaine Miller  
Helene Nerwin  
Selina Ng  
Maritza Ortiz  
Amy Joy Robateau  
Lourdes Santacruz  
Julia Schwartz-Leeper  
Francine Scherer  
Alvin Shatkin  
Peter Swanson

**AFFILIATION**

CB8 Committee Chair  
CB8 Committee Member  
CB8 Committee Member  
Community Committee Member, Riverdale Y  
Community Committee Member, Right at Home  
City Council Member  
Riverdale Senior Services  
Community Resident  
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Ft. Independence Sr Center / MMCC  
CB8  
Methodist Home  
Riverdale Senior Services  
Community Resident  
Riverdale Senior Services  
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**Not Present**

Anthony Creaney  
Irving Ladimer  
Karen Pesce  
I.W. Stone

CB8 Committee Vice Chair  
CB8 Committee Member  
CB8 Committee Member, CB8 Secretary  
CB8 Committee Member

The meeting commenced at 2:40 PM.

**Introductions**

- Welcome - Participants introduced themselves
- Thanks to Riverdale Senior Services for hosting and thanks to everyone for venturing out in stormy weather
- Cheryl Kanin-Ferst , RSS Volunteer Coordinator, talked about volunteer opportunities and provided material and contact information

**Minutes** - Since no quorum, approval of January 19<sup>th</sup> minutes is deferred

**Announcement** – The Chair announced the publication of the Senior Resource Guide, an information source to help people stay active and engaged in our community. The Guide is available at the Board office and can be downloaded from CB8s website with links to easily connect to the websites of various organizations. The Chair distributed a few copies.

The Chair noted that our meeting was to include a birthday celebration for Irving Ladimer, who could not attend the meeting, and shared info about Sunday's celebration at CSAIR. Council

Member Cohen, a past Chair of the Aging Committee, joined us to celebrate Irving's 100<sup>th</sup>, to provide an update on legislation and to answer questions

### **Speaker – NYC Council Member Andrew Cohen, 11<sup>th</sup> District**

Council Member Cohen confirmed his commitment to senior issues and to senior centers, and to ensure they are well funded. The city's re-zoning plan is most immediate issue with city council required to act April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Explained Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) and Zoning for Quality and Affordability (ZQA), the latter having a greater impact on this district. CB8s Chair and Vice Chair spoke at ZQA/MIH hearings. He continues to speak up against the one-size-fits-all approach that does not work in this district and provided examples such as transit zone parking and non-accessibility of our subways. He was able to modify CCRC provision that impacts development plans at Hebrew Home. The Chair noted this Committee's resolution against the zoning proposals and gave example of micro-sized units for senior housing.

Council Member Cohen answered questions raised by meeting participants, including safe crossings, talking traffic lights, quality of meals on wheels, participatory budgeting, and grants to senior centers for special programs

### **Old Business**

- Mr. Ladimer and Ms. Scherer are working on articles, pending newspaper publisher
- Chair reiterated underutilization of SCRIE in our district

### **New Business & Updates**

- Mr. Goodman - benefits of ID-NY
- Mr. Swanson - RSS Social Day program
- Ms. Santacruz – Methodist Home hosting heart health lunch and learn on Feb 26<sup>th</sup>
- Chair – pointed out two exploitations of government funding for seniors: 1) another large Medicaid managed care provider exploited social day programs, and 2) an alleged laundering of funds taken from 4 Manhattan senior centers by the executive director of a non-profit organization
- Chair - shared Van Cortlandt Green advertisement for affordable senior housing on Broadway, accepting applications through February

The Committee will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – location to be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm

Minutes recorded by Francine Scherer, Community Resident

Reviewed and respectfully submitted by Lisa Daub, Chair, Aging Committee