

Pending Committee Approval

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2015 AT
FT. INDEPENDENCE SENIOR CENTER**

PRESENT

Lisa Daub
Anthony Creaney
Marvin Goodman
Irving Ladimer
Karen Pesce
Georgia Santiago
I.W. Stone
Sharon Asherman
Yvonne Bumpurs
Andrea Cassidy
Rosemary Cortez
Karen Green
Lisa Nicotra
Maritza Ortiz
Lourdes Santacruz
Francine Scherer
Elconia Sharpley
Anthony Thompson
Sharon Wolfe

AFFILIATION

CB8 Committee Chair
CB8 Committee Vice Chair
CB8 Committee Member
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CB8 Committee Member, CB8 Secretary
CB8 Committee Member
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Community Committee Member, Riverdale Y
Community Resident
Riverdale Senior Services
NYPH Health Outreach
Community Resident
Mosholu/Montefiore Senior Ctr (MMCC)
Ft. Independence Senior Ctr (MMCC)
Methodist Home for Nursing & Rehab
Community Resident
Community Resident
Mosholu/Montefiore Senior Ctr (MMCC)
JASA Van Cortlandt Senior Ctr

Not Present

Enrie Morales

Community Committee Member, Right at Home

The meeting commenced at 2:40 PM.

Introductions

- Welcome - Participants introduced themselves.
- Thanks to Ft. Independence for hosting. Chair mentioned that afternoon meeting space at community centers and libraries are difficult to arrange due to shared space with afterschool programs

Minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting were accepted as amended (8-0)

Topic: Our Senior Centers

The Chair noted that senior centers provide important services to older adults in our community, and that this meeting is an opportunity to bring together representatives from all of our organizations to learn more about each center, to discuss issues, share best practices, and form ongoing dialogues. We have 5 senior centers located within our district, including Ft. Independence, Marble Hill, JASA Van Cortlandt, Riverdale Senior Services, and Riverdale Y, as well as Mosholu/Montefiore (MM) that serves many of our residents and supports the NYCHA centers.

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Lisa Nicotra, MMCC Senior Center Director, introduced the broad scope of services that the Community Center provides to residents of all age groups. The senior center hosts a variety of programs including educational, health/fitness, activities, special events & trips, nutritious lunch, and social services including SNAP enrollment. MMCC brings operational resources to the Marble Hill Center (Dan Schmidt, Director), and starting this year to Ft. Independence (Leidy Jorge-Pena, Director), which serve neighbors as well as NYCHA residents.

All attendees contributed to discussion and ideas on raising community awareness, marketing, maintaining attendance, relevant engagement, post-lunch departures, demographic influences, i.e., older & younger seniors, multicultural & multilingual, technology, ensuring all feel welcome and creating sense of community. The Chair reminded Center representatives to bring forward needs for next fiscal year's budget recommendations.

Old Business

- The Board approved the Aging Committee's Resolution regarding ZQA/MIH at the November board meeting and it is being distributed to elected officials and key organizations
- Chair will focus on finalizing the Senior Resource Guide for CB8, incorporating comments. We should have funds for hard copy printing and distribution as well as online access.
- Discussed Mr. Ladimer's community outreach suggestion of starting a regular newspaper column geared towards informing and engaging older residents, and idea to form an editorial committee to move it forward. Articles should keep residents informed on issues, and raise awareness of CB8, senior centers and other resources.

New Business

- Chair will submit CB8 newsletter posting on need to renew SCRIE/DRIE benefit
- December meeting speaker represents NY Foundation for Senior Citizens Home Sharing Program. We may also discuss other alternatives for making housing more affordable.
- Legislative updates – no changes

The Committee will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, December 15th 2015 at 2:30PM – location to be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Prepared and submitted by
Lisa Daub, Chair, Aging Committee