

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE
HELD ON MARCH 22, 2005
AT RIVERDALE SENIOR CENTER
2600 NETHERLAND AVENUE**

PRESENT:

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1. Minutes reviewed with discussion of licensing as "assisted living facility." Hyatt has two licenses for its current programs; additional licensure will be sought for its special needs program.

2. Old Business

a. Resolution re: traffic study for areas serving older adults, housing and programs, will be presented at April CB 8 meeting due to lack of quorum at March meeting.

b. Seminar on Palliative Care is tentatively scheduled for 5/05; no site selected.

3. Correspondence: Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Marble Hill is attempting to reestablish its weekend meals program for the homebound elderly. Discussion: City Meals-on-Wheels provides supper meals on weekends. The problem encountered by the K-R-MH group apparently is delivery. RAIN will be contacted about availability of its delivery providers for weekends and coordinating food supplies between City Meals and K-R-MH program.

4. New Business

a. Social Security Privatization: Riverdale Senior Services is circulating a petition against. There will be an informational meeting open to the public 6/05.

b. Legislation requiring reporting of medical errors by physicians and hospitals has not been passed.

c. Schervier is instituting a community survey on needs of the aging population.

d. UJA is funding a project to promote provision of emergency contact information of co-op residents to building managers; administered by Assoc. of Riverdale Co-ops.

e. Suggested the Committee invite a speaker from the Ombudsman program which responds to nursing home problems. Chair to contact.

f. Spanish-speaking volunteers are needed at Columbia Presbyterian Allen Pavilion.

5. Member Reports

a. UJA is sponsoring a project aimed at co-ops to have emergency information, as well as keys, available to the managing agent; Association of Riverdale Co-ops (ARC) is administering the project.

b. Other reports given under Chair's report and new business

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Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pesce
Chairperson

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 26, 2005. Location to be announced.