

**MINUTES FROM THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2005**

**PRESENT:**

Karen Pesce  
Jay Horowitz  
Anthony Creaney  
Gary Pelle Jr.  
Ceil Gordet  
Carol Hendricks

**AFFILIATION**

CB #8 Committee Chairperson  
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1. Minutes of previous meeting approved as submitted.
2. Speaker Gary Pelle of Bank of America, Johnson Avenue, Riverdale, stated that the formal change of Fleet Bank to Bank of America would occur 7/27/05. He discussed “reverse mortgages” which are currently available to homeowners but not to co-op and condo owners. A cash advance is given to the homeowner with interest applied. It is like a credit line, similar to an annuity, which is paid back by heirs when the homeowner is deceased. It should be the primary loan on the property.
3. Chairperson’s Report: The Northwest Bronx Council on Aging met last week for strategic planning. Irving Ladimer represented this committee, but was unavailable for a report. There was interest expressed by this committee in cooperating while maintaining autonomy of each group. Pesce will follow-up. The Healthcare Choices seminar was attended by approximately 20 people and was considered successful. Ceil raised the question of how more people could have been made aware of the event for increased community participation.
4. Old Business: The need for benches in the community was raised. Pesce will investigate which CB No. 8 committee requests street furniture. Co-op buildings are encouraged to maintain emergency information and apartment keys for residents; materials are kept in building lockbox with access only by superintendent or building officers. There is no way to enforce this safety measure.
5. New Business: The Fort Independence Mature Adult Center will host its Annual Community Health Fair, 7/8/05. A domestic violence/elder abuse informational session will be held at Neighborhood Shop’s Office, 6/30/05; Carol Hendricks will represent this committee. An open house at Jewish Home and Hospital Adult Day Health Care Program will be held 6/28/05. The June calendar of Riverdale Senior Services was received. Carol suggested future meetings be held at area nursing homes with tours requested. Kingsbridge Nursing Care Center will be contacted by Pesce.

Submitted by  
K. Pesce, Chairperson  
Aging Committee

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