

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2006 AT THE
METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED
4499 MANHATTAN COLLEGE PARKWAY**

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Robert Abbott
Anthony Creaney
Thomas Durham
Tracy Feerick
Beverly Fettman
Carol Hendricks
Irving Ladimer
Manfred Segal
Constance Segal
Bola Aribides
Julia Schwartz-Leeper
Sue Tozzi
Ciel Gordet
Nadine Baker
Anne Patterson
Sue Lobel

AFFILIATION

Committee Chairperson CB #8
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Joint Public Affairs Committee (JPAC)
Riverdale Senior Services
BJCC
ARC

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Classic Residence at Hyatt

1. Minutes of previous meeting corrected to reflect attendance of C. Segal and M. Segal.
2. Speaker, Bob Abbott of CB 8 and this committee: Disaster Preparedness. The program is sponsored by OEM, FEMA, Red Cross with a goal to make people self sufficient for up to 3 days in the event of a major disaster requiring evacuation or “shelter in place.” Key words are to make plans, create kit, stay informed about other organization’s disaster plans.
 - a. Develop a plan with friends/family to know where to meet. Test plan annually. Have available important numbers, i.e. phone contacts and insurance numbers.
 - b. Create a kit with supplies for emergency including one gallon of water per person per day; nonperishable foods and can opener, energy bars, duct tape, paper towel, utility knife, marker, paper/pencil, first aid supplies; extra set of clothing, shoes, blankets, medications.
 - c. Kits are available with whistle, water packet, and light stick for office use.
 - d. CERT Team is activated by Office of Emergency Management for response to area disasters. There are approximately 80 teams throughout NYC, 20-30 people locally trained.
 - e. How prepared are you? 54% of respondents say they’re prepared for disaster. Percentage was questioned as being higher than realistic. Need to develop committee to train representative in apartment buildings. Every building should have evacuation plan, updated yearly with identification of residents who may need help in event of disaster/refer to Housing Committee.?

3. Participants Reports

- a. Ceil, ARC: having open meeting Jan/Feb. Recommended this committee have table.
- b. Bola of Joint Public Affairs Committee for Older Adults: the agency has identified recommendations for hospital closures. No details.
- c. Julia of Riverdale Senior Services: 140 people were served at the recent birthday party. Holiday party is 12/13. "Talking" traffic light at Netherland and Kappock Street may soon be a reality.
- d. Irving, Conservative Synagogue: taking over Harvest Program of food and utensils for needy. Donations to be left at Synagogue.
- e. Tracy, CB8: described Hearts and Hammers program run by RAIN.
- f. Tony, CB8: Interfaith Caregivers is running low on funds and will probably not have continued financial support from Bon Secour. Guard rails along Manhattan College Parkway and Henry Hudson Parkway require pedestrians to climb over rail. Refer to Traffic and Transportation Committee.
- g. Tom, CB8: reminder to check batteries of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- h. Carol, CB8: in her large apartment complex, seniors meet monthly and maintain a list of those who might need help in an emergency.
- i. Schervier's Nursing Home staff is conducting coat drive, all sizes. Contact Volunteer Coordinator.
- j. Sue, Classic Residency by Hyatt, distributed calendars.
- k. Riverdale YMHA is holding Festival of the Arts.

NO MEETING 12/06. Next meeting Tues., 1/23/07 HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Submitted by

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