BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 22ND, 2011 AT THE METHODIST HOME 4499 MANHATTAN COLLEGE PARKWAY

PRESENT AFFILIATION

Karen Pesce Committee Chair, CB8

Anthony Creaney CB8
Beverly Fettman CB8
Marvin Goodman CB8
Georgia Santiago CB8

Robert Ackerson Riverdale Senior Center

Bayla Butler Ampark NORC Senior Services
Kathy Gorup Classic Residence Yonkers

Jo Ann Landers Methodist Home

Neil Roglero Simon Senior Center/Riverdale Y

Constance Segal Chapter 1546 AARP
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Alvin Shatkin Riverdale Senior Center

1. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as submitted.

2. Old Business:

-Seniors Helping Seniors: Linda of YMHA, checking on availability of speaker on volunteer program vs. franchise. Concern with driving to medical appointments as part of the volunteer effort is liability. In some areas, Red Cross has discontinued driving; uncertain if that's true in our area.

-Access a Ride: if rules not followed, i.e. cancellation notification, rider may be suspended for 2 months or longer; if used too frequently, rider may also have suspension.

3. Agency Reports

-Classic Residence: Access A Ride does have pick up at front door for NYC appointments. Paratransit brings residents to Westchester appointments. Alzheimer support group includes caregivers. Space available in independent living. Re: local services: Bronx booklet needs to be updated. Chair to follow up. Westchester service booklet is current.

-AARP: awaiting action on Federal budget before determining priorities. Members encouraged to contact legislators re: jobs bill.

- -I. Ladimer: concern about post office closing which would impact local residents using Spuyten Duyvil and Fieldston branches. Programs re: Constitution and Bill of Rights will be co-sponsored by Senator Gustavo Rivera 11/30,12/7 and 12/14. No location identified. Many people are here legally but not citizens.
- -BJCC/NORC: vouchers for turkeys and other foods were given to 120 people. Jewish holiday packages will be distributed through twenty agencies.
- -Food distribution programs: Kingsbridge Marble Hill Food and Hunger Project through Church of the Mediator.

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-Riverdale Senior Services: beginning digital users group, 12/8, including web pages and smart phone usage. A vital link software pilot program for easier access to Apple, Microsoft and closed circuit with other senior centers will be developed. Holiday party 12/12; reservations required.

- -Alliance of Retired Americans: lobbies and gives advice to small business owners.
- -Methodist Home, our host: 12/15, joint replacement presentation. Rehab services, in-patient/out-patient, are available six days/week. Orthopedic surgeon provides supervision of Department.
- 4. Future speakers: DFTA program, Seniors raising Grandkids; Einstein Aging Study; Schervier experience with seniors helping seniors.

Next meeting Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 3:30PM. Location to be announced.

Submitted by:

K. Pesce Chair, Aging Committee