

Community Board 12  
530 West 166<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, New York

Minutes  
Committee for the Concerns of the Aging  
Tuesday, October 14, 2014

*Aging Committee Members Present* : Gloria Vanterpool, Chair, Betty Lehmann, Assistant Chair, Liliana Saneaux.

*Others Present*: Ilana Dunner, Riverstone Senior Life Services, Inc., Giovanni Puello, Community Liaison, Office of NYC Borough President Gail Brewer, Norma de Candido, James McNiff, Mary Anderson, Laura Whitehorn, RAPP

*Committee Members Absent*: Arlene Schulman (excused)

1. *Chair, Gloria Vanterpool*, convened the meeting at 10:10am and welcomed all in attendance.

2. *Other Committee Reports*:

*Betty Lehmann* reported on the main topics discussed at the Health & Environment Committee meeting held on October 2, 2014.

Mt. Sinai new Urgent Care Center at 5030 Broadway – expected to open in mid-November – 7 days per week. Center will have (2) doctors to start plus support personnel and will provide X-Rays. Other services will be added as the need is identified.

New York Presbyterian reported on the ongoing work on the new and expanded Emergency Room. Phase 1 is completed. Phase 2 is underway and due for completion this fall. Phase 3 and 4 will take place a final completion set for 2017.

Isabella will hold its 11<sup>th</sup> Health Fair on October 8 with 53 community organizations coming to exhibit. Health screenings, lectures, and entertainment are also on the agenda.

*Liliana Saneaux* did not attend the Public Safety Committee meeting but did report that she has learned that Captain Fausto Pichardo of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct has been promoted to Deputy Commissioner for Communications under Police Commissioner William Bratton.

3. *Giovanni Puello*, Community Liaison, Office of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, reported as follows:

The Manhattan Borough President's office is forming (2) task forces – one on African Americans and second on Seniors. The task forces will focus on issues affecting these two constituencies on a city-wide basis. There will be more information to follow.

The Borough Presidents' office held a free clinic on SCRIE and DRIE at the State Office Building on 125<sup>th</sup> Street on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. About 100 seniors attended.

The Borough Presidents office intends to survey all curbs along Broadway throughout all of Manhattan and is asking for the help of CB 12 to survey and to report on any dilapidated or inaccessible curbs that should be fixed. CB 12 covers 155<sup>th</sup> street north. The intention is to remedy all that are deficient. Mr. Puello was encouraged to have someone from the Borough Presidents' office (he or someone he designates) present at an upcoming WHICOA meeting to be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Isabella.

#### 4. *Laura Whitehorn, RAPP*

Laura spoke about RAPP –( Re-entry of Aging Prisoners Program). She indicated that the program is designed to provide appropriate support for older prisoners (age 60+) who have not committed violent crimes and who would benefit from re-entry into the community where family and health care support that might be more appropriate as they near the last year(s) of life.

Laura mentioned that this proposal has received support from the NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA), the Osborne, the Justice Center, the Be-the-Evidence Project and there is a pilot project that may be funded by DFTA to support the possibility of developing this type of program.

Laura asked the Aging Committee for support. We suggested that she should also consider making a presentation to the Housing & Human Services Committee and to the Health & Environment Committee. Her request for support will then be taken under advisement.

Laura also indicated that she will forward additional information on the proposed pilot project and the supporting partnerships.

The meeting ended at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Lehmann

Assistant Chair