

COMMITTEE FOR CONCERNS OF THE AGING MINUTES

January 11, 2016

@ Community Board Office

Committee members:

Present: Gloria Vanterpool, Chair; Mary Anderson, Asst. Chair;

David Mattera; Liliana Saneaux; Norma de Candido, Public Member

Absent: Jason Tejada

Guests: Giovanni Puello, MBPO; Cheryl Miller

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Chair, Gloria Vanterpool. Welcome extended to all.

Committee Changes /Concerns

Gloria:

Meeting changed to evening because of other Board members wishing to attend and be part of committee, but are unable to attend a day meeting

Meeting notices and agenda needs to go out by Thursday before the meeting as they are not seen for review if sent out the day of the meeting

We need to evaluate the ability / interest in Board members and seniors to attend an evening meeting – possibly consider a task force

Consider occasional meetings at senior centers during the day in addition to evening scheduled meeting to be able to get direct input from seniors in community and give them information

Giovanni:

MBPO encouraging aging committees – Gale Brewer is interested in feedback from aging committees that exist

Other Business

Cheryl:

Questioned if there is new legislation to decrease age limit to apply for senior housing – also asked about regulation regarding senior also being disabled

Giovanni:

Initiated discussion of need to explore this further with Councilwoman Chin – also said we need to push for change at the committee level

2015 Review

Issue of Postal Service discussed – no change / improvement at Audubon Post Office following Postal Forum held by Gale Brewer at which issues were discussed and submitted in writing by the public – attempts to reach supervisory staff have been unsuccessful – other post offices have certain days / hours set up for seniors and disabled

Follow up: Mary will send emails / memos to Gloria who will pursue issues further – Giovanni said Postmaster attend Manhattan Borough Board meeting on 1/21 and suggested that committee submit a letter with issues listed to CB 12 District Manager and CB 12 Chair so it can be presented at that meeting

Announcements

---Manhattan Youth Council is now in place by MBPO – teens are being recognized for their value

---1/20 Mental Health Research presentation by Columbia at Russ Berrie Pavilion

---White House Conference on Aging summary passed out

---Problem with Associated supermarket at 187th Street & Ft. Washington Ave – rally, petition

---Inwood NYC Rezoning meetings continue – everyone encouraged to attend and fill out surveys

Plans for 2016

---Visit senior centers with Board members who can attend

---Send minutes to directors of senior centers

---Invite Community Affairs personnel from elected official's offices to meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anderson, Co-chair