

## COMMITTEE FOR CONCERNS OF THE AGING MINUTES

Thursday June 1, 2017

@ Community Board Office

### Committee Members:

Present: Liliana Saneaux, Chair; Mary Anderson, Asst. Chair; Fern Hertzberg; Norma De Candido. Public Member

Absent:

### Board Members:

**Guests:** Ann McCosh, Community Resident; Maureen Belluscio, NYLPI; Shirley Saxton, SSA; Leidy Jorge Peña, Star Senior Center Director; Rose Mary Cortez, Allen Hospital Health Outreach Program Director; NYPD's Detective Haydee Pabey and Christian Perez, Community Affairs Officers 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct

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Meeting called to order at 10:45 AM by **Liliana Saneaux**, Chair. Welcome extended to all. Introductions made.

**Shirley Saxton:** Encouraged everyone to pay attention to discussions about Social Security and any changes being proposed currently.

**Rose Mary Cortez:** Health outreach Program is a program for seniors 60+ with educational and social programming as well as physical fitness programming – this program grew from 700 members to now over 4000 members – membership is free – also offer individualized counseling and support groups – focus is to promote healthy, active living – Power Point presentation passed out to everyone – all are encouraged to visit the program and the Allen Hospital

**Haydee Pavey and Christian Perez :** Spoke about mailbox fishing being an ongoing issue – people encouraged to check boxes for sticky substance or tampering before inserting mail – should report problem to postal department and precinct – try to take mail directly to post office – crime prevention is important – be careful; be aware of your surroundings; watch out for bicycles on sidewalks and report them if they are delivery people so officers can speak to businesses – **Liliana** raised the concern about increase in assaults on seniors and what a serious concern it is – the NCO's are now working a night shift due to the issues of the clubs, etc. now that the Summer is approaching – Christian will forward a list of the NCO's with their cell phone numbers and sector they are assigned to – Literature on crime prevention was distributed by both officers.

**Mary** suggested inviting the 33<sup>rd</sup> precinct Community Affairs officers to a future meeting.

**Liliana** informed it already is in agenda. One Pct. @ a time.

**Leidy:** Reiterated about issue with Star Senior Center being asked for a rent increase triple what they are paying now (this issue was brought up in the previous meeting by **John Velez**), the landlord is asking that the Center renovate the space, even though it is being rented out on weekends and evenings to others by the landlord, with no suggestion that the cost of renovations be shared.

**Liliana:** The committee is planning to convene elected officials to try to get them more involved in the issues with all the senior centers – work will be done on this over the summer – **Fern** suggested that since this is a city wide issue, plans could include many other centers

**Maureen:** NYLPI wants to set up a housing clinic for seniors to be able to get help with their housing issues, including having reasonable accommodations in their buildings – many seniors do not know their rights – lots of issues in Inwood with people being displaced and harassed due to rezoning – discussion about whether clinic should be one time or ongoing – also, discussion about having clinic rotate among senior centers

**Mary:** CHALK program will have a table at the 175<sup>th</sup> Street Farmers Market and provide weekly events for seniors – list received from Hector Carrasco and passed out to everyone

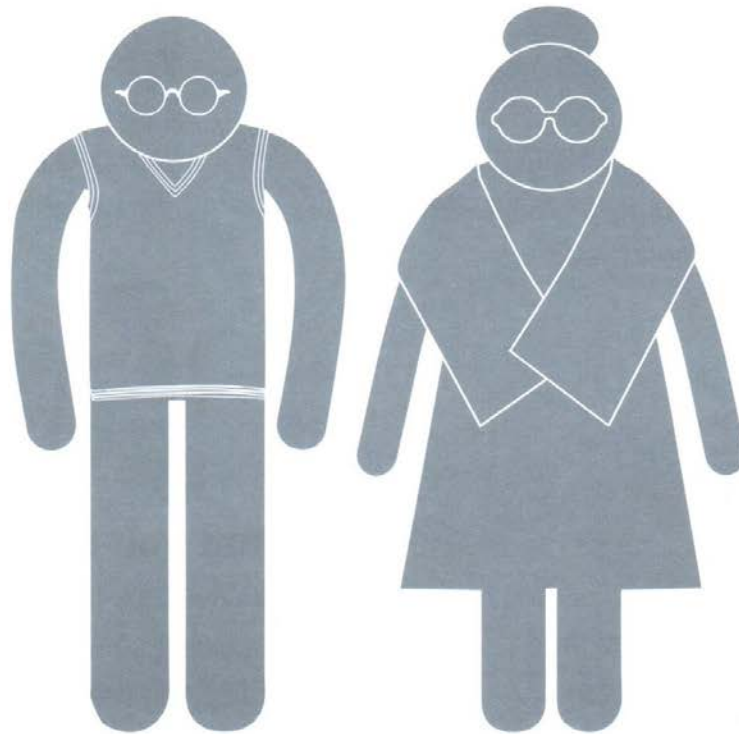
Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM after motion made by Liliana and seconded by Mary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anderson, Assistant Chair

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# Crime Prevention Book For Seniors

A collection of tips for keeping you safe



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