

Committee for the Concerns of the Aging

Thursday, February 1, 2018

CB12M Minutes

The attendees were: Mary Anderson, Chair; Fern Hertzberg, Assistant Chair; Eleazar Salazar, Committee member; Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky; Norma De Candido, Public Member; Priscilla Bassett; Ann McCosh;

The meeting was called to order at 10:50AM.

Today's meeting was held at Riverstone Senior Life Services in the Memory Center on the first floor, at 99 Fort Washington Avenue, NY, NY 10032. The entire meeting was presented in Spanish and English with Fern Hertzberg translating throughout the meeting.

Mary Anderson and Fern Hertzberg presented on "What is a Community Board?" A lively discussion ensued about the meetings and the issues that can and do come up before the Community Board.

Mary Anderson gave updates on the issues raised in the January 2018 meeting. This first issue was the standing water or ice at the NE corner of 178th and Wadsworth Avenue. Ms. Anderson stated the issue was reported to Ebenezer Smith District Manager, to raise at the District Services Cabinet. We have not had further feedback yet on the issue.

Mary Anderson gave update on the doggie poop that is not picked up in multiple sites throughout the community. Mary brought laminated and non-laminated flyers for hanging on light posts, and for distribution, reminding community residents to pick up after their dogs, as this is both a health and quality of life issue.

Mary Anderson also reported that Eleazar is bringing the issue of items in the supermarket being too high for many seniors to reach to the group of supermarket owners, and to encourage the stores to have grabbers readily available; but also to encourage shoppers to seek out the store manager to get an employee to bring down the item.

Mary Anderson report that the committee will follow up on Seniors Helping Seniors, and their situation with the delays in getting the money through the discretionary funding of that organization.

Mary Anderson then there will be a public hearing on the Inwood Rezoning on February 22, 2018. This turned the discussion to an extensive exploration of the Inwood Rezoning Project, with community members opinions, EDC weighing on various questions, and overall concern that there will be senior housing in the Rezoning Plan, and that overall the housing built will be affordable for community members, seniors and non-seniors alike.

Next meeting will take place at Dyckman Houses Seniors Center, where this committee will formulate questions and ideas that we would like to have included in the Inwood Rezoning Proosals.

Adjourned meeting (Rabbi Kalinsky/Ann McCosh) at 12:10pm.

Submitted by Fern Hertzberg.