

## Committee For Concerns of the Aging Minutes

September 5<sup>th</sup> 2019

Meeting began at 10:45am

Attendance:

**Committee – Present:** Mary Anderson, Yosef Kalinsky, Mariam James, Carol Weeks (public), Fern Hertzberg (public). **Excused:** Jay Mazur. **Public:** Liliete Lopez (outreach specialist CID), Verna Arthur (DFTA).

- Opened with a discussion related to creating a mission statement for the committee. The committee unanimously approved the following statement:
  - “The mission of CB12’s committee for concerns of the aging is to identify the needs and concerns of the senior population (60+) of Washington Heights and Inwood and to discuss, engage, educate, and advocate for the appropriate policies to enhance the quality of life for seniors through partnerships with city agencies, CB12 committees, and other entities.”
  - It was suggested that we next bring this mission statement to the executive board and if approved consider placing it on our website and on the bottom of each monthly agenda.
- Discussion of expense and capital budgets
  - The results from last year seems to be bureaucratic delay and no response to our needs/suggestions with a “no comment” response.
  - Further discussion related to budgets and complications getting things to move forward.
- Old Business
  - We were successful in getting shuttle service during the elevator replacement at A train entrance at 184<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - Homeless shelter on 179<sup>th</sup> Street is now designated as a women’s only shelter.
  - Discussion related to how to engage more seniors at our meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 12 Noon. Next meeting will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM at the Dyckman Senior Center.