

CB12M COMMITTEE FOR CONCERNS OF THE AGING MINUTES

June 9, 2015

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Committee: Gloria Vanterpool, Chair, Mary Anderson, Asst Chair, Norma De Candido, Public Member

Absent: David Mattera

Excused: Lorenzo McGougan

Guests: Nayrobi Rivera, Project Coordinator for Columbia Community Partnership for Health, Frank & Ann McCosh, Laura Whitehorn, RAPP, Midon Altamirano, Intern Columbia Community Partnership for Health. Cippe Harte, YM&YWCA, Joselinne Minaya, DA's Office, Doris Giordano

Chairperson called meeting to order at 10:20 AM.

Welcome extended to all followed by introductions.

Old Business:

- NYPL Oral History Project
 - Interviewees still being sought – Gloria will submit names of longtime residents present at meeting with their consent to Alexandra Kelly at the NYPL
- Sub Committee Reports:
 - Traffic & Transportation – Meeting with community residents & DOT to discuss issues about addition of bike lane and angle parking on Ft. George Hill – unsafe for cars pulling out of parking spaces because can't see vehicles approaching from curves; issue about emergency vehicles blocking the one lane and causing severe backup of traffic; bike lane uphill not used because hill too steep. Proposed suggestions to improve include smaller angle parking; signage about blind spots & hidden driveways; convex mirrors to help drivers see approaching traffic. DOT said emergency vehicles could park on curb, sidewalk, or bike lane if necessary.
 - Parks & Cultural Affairs – Opening of Highbridge with ribbon cutting 6/9 and opening festival 7/25 – will have monthly theme events

- Health & Environment – Discussion about consideration of need to increase alternate side parking back to 2 days a week due to increase in garbage on sides of street and in corner garbage cans – discussed culprits of this are street vendors and commercial businesses as well as household garbage in cans. Sanitation said increased surveillance will be done and blue & green recycle garbage cans will replace current cans on corners
- Public Safety – new program, Neighborhood Coordination Officers, has begun – officers will spend 3 hours of their shift patrolling own sector & getting to know the neighborhood, residents, issues & will not respond to 911 calls during that time

New Business:

- Postal Forum
 - Residents able to voice issues in an organized manner – those who asked questions and presented issues received a written response within a week – follow up forum is to be scheduled
 - Suggestions from this committee for improvement: (1) Have certain days & time with a window specifically for seniors & disabled (2) Replace pickup time stickers on street mailboxes as many have peeled off or become unreadable

- Janny Morales, researcher at Fordham University (unable to be at meeting)
 - Coordinating research project with DFTA to question seniors who are not involved in a senior center about what programs, groups, etc. would lure them to attend a senior center – 30 minute phone interview is conducted and interviewee is sent a \$20 money order for their time

- RAPP

Laura Whitehorn announced that the pilot project for older adult inmates program has been approved for funding – also, CB 10 in Manhattan & CB12 in Queens are willing to submit resolution in support of this project

- Nayrobi Rivera, Project Coordinator for Columbia University Partnership for Health
 - Offer variety of programs such as health workshops, computer availability & classes, BP screening as well as space for nonprofits, information about research projects – also a website: GetHealthyHeights.org provides information about events, presentations, forums in the community as well as the ability for organizations to post their own information

- June 16th, 12:30 to 2PM there will be a demonstration for seniors about use of computers at the Allen Hospital

- P. Cippi Harte, Executive Director of the Center for Adults Living Well at the Y on Nagle Avenue
 - Program for adults 60 or better
 - Name changed from senior center to encourage older people to look at the positive side of aging
 - Many varied groups & classes are offered Sunday through Friday
 - Several different cultures are served
 - Bus pickup offered

- Joselinne Minaya, District Attorney's Office
 - Presentation 6/17 at 10AM at Isabella, 515 Audubon Avenue on scams targeting seniors

- Rent Stabilization law passed - now to see what the real percentage increases will be

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson, Co-chair