

## COMMITTEE FOR CONCERNS OF THE AGING MINUTES

Thursday, February 7th, 2019

At Our Savior's Atonement Lutheran Church

### Committee Members:

Present: Mary Anderson, Chair; Fern Hertzberg, Asst. Chair

Absent:

Excused: Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky; Norma DeCandido, Public Member

### Board Members:

**Guests:** Ann McCosh; Joan Bowen; Audrey Balkarasingh; Patrick ?; Joseph Rosenbaum; Celsa Cepin; Deborah Gross, SW YM/YWHA; Melissa Abreu, SW Riverstone Sr. Life Services Memory Center; Giovanni Feliciano, NYC Parks; Det. Haydee Pabey, PO Christian Perez, NCO Bryan Polster, NCO David Callan, PO Richard Natal from NYPD 34<sup>th</sup> Pct.; Tammy Tavaréz, 34<sup>th</sup> Pct. liaison to Safe Horizon program

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Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM by Mary Anderson, Chair. Welcome extended to all. Introductions made.

**(1) Presentation** made by NCOs (Neighborhood Coordination Officers) and other members of the NYPD 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct. The NCO's are community police in the area. The precincts are divided into 4 Sectors: A, B, C and D. Each Sector has 2 NCO's assigned to the area. The purpose is for more immediate problem solving as the NCO's get to know the area and the residents and businesses in the area. Meetings are held 3 to 4 times a year for each Sector with the community to provide a forum for increased dialogue between community members and the NCO's. Crime Prevention Officer Richard Natal lead a discussion about "what is abuse" – not just physical; not allowing access to phone, ID or any other kind of intimidation. Current common crimes include package theft: deterrents include planning to be home for delivery, asking a neighbor to accept the packages; and burglary through unlocked windows, especially fire escape windows. Haydee Pabey reinforced the accessibility of the NCOs to the community.

**(2) Presentation** by Giovanni Feliciano of Parks Open House at Highbridge Recreation Center - a week long program from 9:30 AM to 9 PM. Reminder that seniors over 65 with ID can attend this event free.

**(3)** Deborah Gross, Director of Hudson Community Safe at Home project at the Y gave a description of the program for those above Medicaid eligible and unable to pay or access

services. Includes casework, nurse practitioner, nutritionist, and housekeeping at \$14 per hour, food pantry, and car service at \$2 each way. OT students provide home safety assessments.

**(4)** Meliisa Abreu presented Memory Center program at Riverstone Senior Life Services. There is a Social Adult Day Center and a Caregiver program in support of those who care for others.

**(5) Next meeting** will be 3/7/19 at 9:30 AM at Isabella Geriatric Center. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anderson, Chair