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**Seniors & Aging Services Committee Minutes**

**October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Josephine Fernandez-Byrne, Committee Chairperson**

**Attendance:** *Josephine Fernandez-Byrne, Brenda Goodwin, Betty Bryant-Brown, Linda Duke, Elena Farciert*

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**Approval of September Minutes and TD Bank Workshop Update**

- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne calls for a motion to accept the September minutes, which is seconded and approved.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan updates on TD Bank's coordination of a workshop for seniors, confirming they are willing to hold it at any location, including TD Bank or a senior center.
- Discussion about the workshop dates, with a preference for October 23rd at 11 AM at East Side House Settlement Senior Center.

**Discussion on Senior Banking Services and Issues**

- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne clarifies that TD Bank will present on protecting seniors from scams, despite not having a specific senior window.
- Member Brenda Goodwin expresses frustration that none of the banks in the area offer dedicated senior services.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan recounts a passionate conversation with Chase Bank about improving services for seniors, including ADA windows and additional personnel.
- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne & Member Brenda Goodwin discuss the lack of senior-friendly banking services and the need for better accommodations.

**Concerns About Chase Bank Closure and local Police Precinct Changes**

- Member Brenda Goodwin raises concerns about the upcoming closure of the Chase Bank (East. 138<sup>th</sup> Street & 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) branch and its impact on seniors.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan confirms the move of local NYPD Precinct and discusses the potential of police services to Alexander.
- Member Elena Farciert mentions the closure of the 40th precinct and ongoing construction issues.

- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne suggests writing letters to corporate to address the bank closures and service gaps.

### **Logistics and Interpretation Services for Upcoming Workshop**

- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne and District Manager Anthony Jordan discuss the logistics for the October 23rd workshop, including refreshments and the need for an interpreter.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan announces a grant for interpretation services for all community board meetings, starting with Spanish and French.
- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne and Member Brenda Goodwin agree on the importance of having interpretation services to ensure inclusivity.
- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne confirms the workshop will include a light fare and emphasizes the need for clear communication and planning.

### **Site Visits to Senior Centers and Engagement Strategies**

- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne proposes site visits to all senior centers in CB1 to introduce themselves and recruit new members.
- Member Brenda Goodwin and District Manager Anthony Jordan discuss the importance of engaging with different senior centers and the need for flyers in multiple languages.
- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne assigns senior center visits to various members, ensuring all centers are covered.
- Member Linda Duke emphasizes the need for youth involvement in senior center activities and suggests starting with a game night.

### **Intergenerational Activities and Youth Engagement**

- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses the potential for intergenerational activities, such as bingo or crocheting, to bring seniors and youth together.
- Member Linda Duke shares experiences with intergenerational programs in their development, highlighting the importance of youth participation.
- Member Brenda Goodwin expresses concerns about meeting with youth at night and suggests a more harmonious approach to engagement.
- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne and District Manager Anthony Jordan emphasize the need for youth to take the lead in planning activities and the potential benefits of intergenerational interaction.

### **Finalizing Senior Center Visits and Next Steps**

- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne and Community Coordinator Steven Palmers finalize the assignments for senior center visits, ensuring all members have a center to visit.
- Member Brenda Goodwin and Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne discuss the importance of having youth involvement in senior center activities and the need for clear communication.

- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne suggests setting a deadline for senior center visits by the end of November.
- Member Brenda Goodwin emphasizes the need for youth to take the lead in planning activities and the potential benefits of intergenerational interaction.

#### **Reach Out to 40th Precinct Officer for Senior Issues**

- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne and District Manager Anthony Jordan discuss reaching out to the 40th precinct officer responsible for senior issues.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan confirms the officer was introduced at a senior center town hall meeting and is responsible for partnership with senior centers.
- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne and District Manager Anthony Jordan agree to find out the officer's name and contact information to invite them to future meetings.

#### **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne wraps up the meeting, recapping the assignments for senior center visits and the upcoming workshop.
- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne calls for a motion to adjourn, which is seconded and approved.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan takes a moment of silence to remember Nellie McKay, providing information about her viewing and funeral services.

#### **Action Items**

Arrange a presentation by TD Bank on protecting seniors from scams at the East Side House senior center on October 23rd at 11 AM.

Visit the Leon senior center and set up a meeting with the director.

Reach out to the 40th precinct officer responsible for senior issues.

Invite the Bronx Works representative from the senior center to a future meeting.