



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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Senior Citizens Outreach Committee Minutes
Mrs. Virginia Bird, Committee Chairperson
Thursday, February 22, 2018

The Senior Citizens Outreach Committee met on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at the Bronx Community Board #6's district office. During the meeting the following members were present: Jannie Armstrong, Evonne Capers, Maria Garcia, Sara Nunez-Mejia, Floretta O'Brien and Jaquetta Whaley.

During the meeting, the committee discussed the city agencies response to the Community Board Budget Requests for the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 in order to draft a Letter of Comment to the city agencies. The committee provided the following feedback to the Department for the Aging's responses:

Request: Renovate or upgrade the Mount Carmel Center for Seniors.

Agency Response: This request is under review.

Committee Feedback: We thank you for reviewing the request and request that the agency do a site assessment to see what is needed to expand the center as well as a cost estimate so we can ask our local elected officials for additional funding.

Request: Enhance educational and recreational programs.

Agency Response: The Department for the Aging continues to advocate for increased funding to support aging services throughout the five boroughs. Presently, there is no additional funding available to increase program budgets or commence new initiatives.

Committee Feedback: Please provide a breakdown of funding allocated for senior in Bronx Community Board #6 specifically for direct outreach for seniors as well as home visitation services. Also, how many seniors in zip codes, 10457, 10458, and 10460 have utilized these services from Department for the Aging?

Request: Increase home delivered meals capacity.

Agency Response: As demand increased, additional funding for home delivered meals was provided by the current administration. The agency encourages the community board to make referrals to the Department for the Aging Home Delivered Meals program.

Committee Feedback: We request that the Department for the Aging provide a presentation to our board of who to refer our constituents to as well as a breakdown of the number of meals and seniors served in Bronx Community Board #6 (zip codes 10457, 10458, and 10460) as well as the menu and nutritional facts for the food served to seniors. We also request the agency provide us with the budgetary need to serve all eligible seniors so we can ask our local elected officials for funding.

The Senior Citizens Outreach Committee will meet Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Bronx Community Board #6 district office at 1932 Arthur Avenue, Room 403-A.

Honorable Ritchie Torres,
City Council Member, 15th Council District

Honorable Rafael Salamanca,
City Council Member, 17th Council District