

**Bronx Community Board 8**  
**Ageing Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, December 12, 2022**  
via Zoom  
*Pending Approval*

Committee Members Present

Lee Chong  
Lisa Daub, Chair  
Myra Joyce, Vice Chair  
Rita Pochter-Lowe

Committee Members Absent: Margaret Donato, Georgia Santiago

Guests: Sharon Asherman (Riverdale Y - New Beginnings), Andria Cassidy (RSS), Julie Dalton (RSS), Judith Greene, Josue Melendez (DFTA), Miryam Rabner (MJHS), Margie Schustack (RSS)

Chair Lisa Daub called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

1. Introductions - Committee Members and Guests

2. Topic: Updates from the Department for the Aging (DFTA / NYC Aging)

Josue Melendez, Bronx Government Affairs Officer, provided updates and discussed several issues with participants:

- The recently announced Aging Cabinet was formed to bring together 17 different agencies to advocate and proactively address diverse situations facing older adults and to see a function's issues through the lens of aging.
- DFTA's Annual Plan is similar to prior years' and places a heavy emphasis on older adult centers, investing in remote programming while also encouraging older adults to return to the centers to re-engage and mitigate social isolation. A PSA campaign on buses and subways raises awareness and encourages attendance.
- The second pilot program for on-call rides had to be cancelled but the initial phase provided additional data on transportation needs. City council approved 3 million for transport issues and meal delivery. Working to smooth out issues with access-a-ride.
- Participants discussed:
  - Optimism that the cabinet will succeed in addressing issues, the challenge to bring people back to the centers, the timeframe to reach pre-pandemic capacity and funding impact, enticing younger older adults to participate, envisioning what the centers of the future will look like and outreach to disseminate information and available resources throughout the community. Discussed agency's written communications to facilitate outreach, creating community partnerships and working with interfaith council.

3. Chairperson's Report

- A comprehensive Mobility Management Guide to existing transportation, infrastructure, programs and resources for older adults and people with disabilities, low income and limited English language proficiency is available online: <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/mobility-mgmt-resource-guide-2021.pdf>
- NYAM confirmed that the IMAGE mapping system includes people living in congregate settings. We will delve further into the topic of people living alone which is prevalent in our district and which has been covered in recent news articles.

4. Community / Service Provider Updates

- Busy with holiday events. MJHS is distributing holiday bags that also contain healthcare proxy cards, following up with discussions.

5. Approval of Aging Committee Minutes: November 14, 2022

Approve: 4 (L Daub, M Joyce, L Chong, R. Pochter-Lowe),

Abstain: 0, Opposed: 0

6. Outstanding Business / New Business

- Can sign up for CB8 mailings on the Board's website on contact page. New website also includes link to meeting videos.
- When authorization for online meetings end, this committee will move to hybrid with NYC requirement for committee members [only] to attend in person. Due to health concerns, we may require masks for in-person attendees.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00

Prepared by Myra Joyce  
Submitted by Lisa Daub