

Minutes of Aging Committee – Bronx Community Board 8

Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.

Bronx Community Board 8 Office – 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471

Meeting Recording: https://youtu.be/MtcM_3qPcU4?si=FzooG4vPh_RlGTSN

Committee Members in Attendance (2): Barbara Kail (Vice Chair), E Doyle McCarthy (Community Committee Member)

Absent Committee Members (2) Mary Ellen Gibbs (Chair), Georgia Santiago

Community Board 8 Guests: Farrah Kule Rubin (District Manager)

Guest Attendees: Margie Schustack (Riverdale Senior Services - RSS), Sharon Ascherman (Riverdale Y), Victor Alicea (MMCC Marble Hill Senior Center), Hank Perlin (Public Member)

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm. A roll call was announced. A quorum was not present.

FY27 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities:

RiverSpring Living submitted the following requests:

1. Wheelchair Accessible Mini-Buses: request for 2 new wheelchair accessible mini-buses to meet the transportation needs of mobility limited residents (\$289K capital request)
2. Elder Justice and Scam Prevention: The Weinberg Center for Elder Justice has developed a scam prevention toolkit and is seeking funding to implement the program with key partners (e.g. Family Justice Center, council offices, community boards) across the borough and City-wide (\$250K discretionary expense request)

JASA Van Cortlandt Older Adult Center submitted the following requests:

1. Hiring consultants to lead congregate classes, providing client transportation, covering general operating expenses (\$35,000)

The Committee prioritized these requests as follows:

Expense Requests:

1. RiverSpring Living - Elder Justice and Scam Prevention: The Weinberg Center for Elder Justice has developed a scam prevention toolkit and is seeking funding to implement the program with key partners (e.g. Family Justice Center, council offices, community boards) across the borough and City-wide (\$250K discretionary expense request)

2. Jasa Van Cortlandt Older Adult Center - Hiring consultants to lead congregate classes, providing client transportation, covering general operating expenses (\$35,000)

The committee's interpretation was that JASA's request was cover costs of transportation, so we included it under expenses.

Capital Requests:

1. RiverSpring Living - Wheelchair Accessible Mini-Buses: request for 2 new wheelchair accessible mini-buses to meet the transportation needs of mobility limited residents (\$289K capital request)

Margie Shustack of RSS asked if it was too late to submit requests to CB8, which had been sent to NYC Councilman Eric Dinowitz and the City Council. She was advised to send requests via email to CB8. Sharon Ascherman of the Riverdale Y will send their requests as well.

The Committee will finalize the list of priorities at the next meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2025:

Since there was no quorum present, the committee was unable to approve the minutes of the last meeting in February.

New Business:

The Aging Resource Guide is being updated. The intern did look up all organizations to update it. Comments will be sent to Mary Ellen Gibbs. Barbara Kail suggested that the draft is sent to organizations for commentary and that they also be asked if there are other organizations that should be included. When finished, the committee will review the draft.

Hank Perlin (Public Member) thanked the board for passing a resolution urging our Council Members to bring Intro. 1096-2024, a reintroduced version of Intro. 1099-2023. He further requested a similar resolution supporting a similar bill introduced in the State legislature. He stated he would email this request to the Board.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 4:27pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Kail (Vice Chair)