

Pending Committee Approval
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MAY 15, 2018 AT
SCHERVIER REHABILITATION & NURSING CENTER

PRESENT

Lisa Daub
Karen Pesce
Georgia Santiago
I.W. Stone
Robert Ackerson
Sharon Asherman
Stella Borukhova
Ian Christner
David Gellman
Marvin Goodman
Judith Green
Karen G.
Terry Kaelber
Florence K.
Jennifer Klein
Enrie Morales
Krystal Serrano

AFFILIATION

CB8 Committee Chair
CB8 Committee Member, CB8 Secretary
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Riverdale Senior Services
Riverdale Y Senior Center
Riverdale Specialty Pharmacy
Riverdale Senior Services
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United Neighborhood Houses of NY
Resident
Resident
Right at Home
Schervier

Not Present:

Irving Ladimer
Rita Pochter Lowe

CB8 Committee Member
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The meeting commenced at 3:40 PM

Introductions

Chair thanked our hosts at Schervier and Krystal Serrano – and to everyone attending. Participants introduced themselves. Ms. Serrano introduced Schervier and announced the Health and Wellness Fair on May 30th. In anticipation of additional attendees, quorum and to depart before storm, we adjusted agenda item sequence.

New Business/Announcements

- Rally for Age Justice to raise awareness of ageism has been rescheduled from today in Union Square to date in June
- Senior Splash is on June 8th at Riverdale Neighborhood House
- Health Fair at Schervier on May 30th. Chair will participate to represent CB8
- Hebrew Home/RiverSpring CCRC – Land Use hosted a Q&A session on Jan 25th and Public Hearing on May 7th. It is important to attend LU meeting on June 7th for presentations and discussion and the June 18th Board meeting to vote on special permit to build RiverEdge independent living on R-1-1 zoned south campus. It is a zoning issue that also may impact health resources in the district

Speaker Topic – Older Adults Strengthen our Community – Terry Kaelber, UNH

Chair introduced our speaker: Terry Kaelber is Director for Community Engagement Projects at United Neighborhood Houses (UNH) of New York and was previously Executive Director of

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SAGE. He serves on several advisory committees and presents widely on aging issues throughout the U.S. and in Europe.

Mr. Kaelber introduced UNH and his role to engage older adults. In 10 years, one third of the adult population will be age 60+. We are living longer but society hasn't figured out the "existential dilemma" of "Why Age?". Unlike earlier life phases, the role, purpose and value of older adults is not defined. Older adults [We] recognize connections from experience and context. Adults over 50 start most new businesses and new patents. We are a huge untapped resource to strengthen communities.

Mr. Kaelber explained origins of UNH's initiatives - originally funded by a wealthy individual to foundations if they match funds and turn to older adults to address broad community issues such as homelessness, early childhood development and healthy food. All 9 initial sites succeeded in their missions and realized unanticipated outcomes for the older adults, e.g., less isolation and lower depression, higher sense of self worth, fulfillment and neighborhood connections and reduced need for medications.

Perhaps answer to "Why age?" is it's a time of life to use skills to make our communities better for future generations; to be a driving force for the greater good. Discussion continued re UNH funding to member organizations. Pilots in senior centers are difficult since in general, they are organized for adults to be service recipients and not service providers. In CB8, Riverdale Neighborhood House and Kingsbridge Heights are UNH member organizations. Participant noted that RSS is working on teaching civics with students. Meeting participants thanked Mr. Kaelber for his inspiring talk.

Minutes

April 17th meeting minutes approved 4/0/0

Expense Budget FY2020

Chair distributed the submitted expense budget requests – which are similar to last year's with different explanations, plus an additional item on employment. Moved affordable housing item up on priority to give focus on homeless prevention

Old Business - None

New Business & Updates (continued)

- June 18th Board meeting includes election for officers and chairs. Chair noted that she is stepping down as committee Chair. Mr. Stone thanked Chair for her service and committee/participants expressed appreciation and joined in a round of *happy birthday*. Chair expresses her gratitude to the committee and participants

Unless an urgent issue arises, the Aging Committee will not meet in June.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm

Prepared and submitted by
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Chair, Aging Committee