

Pending Committee Approval
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2017 AT
VAN CORTLANDT GREEN

PRESENT

Lisa Daub
Karen Pesce
Rita Pochter Lowe
Georgia Santiago
I.W. Stone
Barbara Clark
David Gellman
Marvin Goodman
Suad Hassan
Mayra Mora
Edward Powell
Jenna Shands
33 Neighborhood Residents

AFFILIATION

CB8 Committee Chair
CB8 Committee Member, CB8 Secretary
CB8 Committee Member
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CB8 Committee Member
Jewish Home – Riverdale House
CB8
CB8
NIDC
Accurate Communications (interpreter)
NYC Office of Emergency Management
Selfhelp Community Services
Names on File at CB8 Office

Not Present:

Irving Ladimer
Sharon Asherman
Francine Scherer

CB8 Committee Member
Community Committee Member, Riverdale Y
Community Committee Member, Resident

The meeting commenced at 3:05 PM

Introductions

Chair thanked our hosts at Van Cortlandt Green and welcomed everyone to this meeting of the CB8 Aging Committee. Introduced Mr. Ed Powell from the NYC Office of Emergency Management who will share information on how we can prepare and be ready to meet many types of emergencies. Ms. Mayra Mores will provide Spanish interpretation.

Topic – Emergency Preparedness – Ed Powell, Dept. of Emergency Management (OEM)
Mr. Powell explained that OEM’s role is to prepare NYC for emergency events such as storms, heat waves, fires, etc., to communicate and coordinate with all city agencies for the best response and to educate the public on emergency preparedness, including emergencies that occur inside the home.

The three basic steps to being prepared: 1. Make a plan before an emergency happens, 2. Gather necessary supplies to survive, and 3. Get informed of available resources.

Mr. Powell discussed the need to create a support network of a few trusted individuals, both local and in another State. Someone should have your keys. Keep written health and medication information, contacts, cards noting communication impediments and establish meeting locations. Prepare a “Go Bag” to take with you in an evacuation, including radio, flashlight, cash, copies of important documents, passport, etc. Store extra water and food. Follow building’s instructions in case of fire. If gas smell, first get out and then call for help. Refer to information contained in the distributed *Ready New York – My Emergency Plan* booklets.

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Minutes

Minutes of October 17th and November 21st are approved unanimously (5/0/0)

Old Business -

- Brief recap of last meeting's discussion on Age Friendly Neighborhoods, adding transportation to list of possible committee actions
- Chair corrected status of the for-profit social day program on 231st street. It is open on the lower level. The other for-profit day program in CB8 rents the ground floor commercial space of Van Cortlandt Green.

New Business & Updates – from Chair, committee members and participants

- CM Andrew Cohen is hosting a sign-up event for SCRIE, DRIE & SCHE at Spuyten Duyvil Library on Wednesday January 24th from 2-4PM. NYCHA and Sec 8 not eligible
- Pooled Trust Notification bill on governor's desk
- Posting requirement of social adult program scorecards on mayor's desk
- Alert: Scammers jumped on the distribution of new Medicare cards to scam seniors
- Access A Ride newsletter discusses planned improvements
- Confusing information regarding SNAP
- Awareness posters of signs of dehydration to post in restrooms

The Committee will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 16th, at **3:00 pm** at the Atria. A speaker from the Bronx office of the Comptroller will discuss the *Aging with Dignity* report.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm

Prepared and submitted by
Lisa Daub, Chair, Aging Committee