

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MAY 16, 2017 AT
CB8 BOARD OFFICE**

PRESENT

Lisa Daub
Irving Ladimer
Karen Pesce
Amy Joy Robateau
Georgia Santiago
I.W. Stone
Sharon Asherman
Enrie Morales
Marvin Goodman
Jennifer Klein

AFFILIATION

CB8 Committee Chair
CB8 Committee Member
CB8 Committee Member, CB8 Secretary
CB8 Committee Member, CB8 Treasurer
CB8 Committee Member
CB8 Committee Member
Community Committee Member, Riverdale Y Senior Ctr.
Community Committee Member, Right at Home
CB8 Member
Community Resident

Not Present:

Francine Scherer

Community Committee Member, Resident

The meeting started at 3:35 pm.

Introductions

Chair welcomed and thanked all for attending. Participants introduced themselves. Ms. Klein is active in several community organizations

Minutes

Chair noted that minutes show first name and [only] last initial for unaffiliated older residents

Minutes of April 20th Aging Committee meeting approved by all members present at time of vote (6/0/0):
Approved: L. Daub, I. Ladimer, G. Santiago, I.W. Stone, S. Asherman, E. Morales

Announcements / Updates

- Assemblyman Dinowitz presented at the Riverdale Y Senior Center on the topic of senior services funding. He explained that NYS distributes operating expense funds to area agencies on aging. DFTA determines funding allocations within NYC. Local NYS officials have some discretionary funding for economic development and municipal services but not for non-profits, including senior centers. A mortgage on Y's building causes difficulties in obtaining capital funding
- Of note shown in legislative updates prepared by Vice Chair, R. Ginty:
 - SCRIE income eligibility maximum extended through June 2020. Agencies, including community boards, required to disseminate SCRIE applications. Committee should have forms available at our meetings, along with Resource Guides
 - A bill was introduced to require posting social adult day program scorecards. Committee discussed proposal, noting that SADC performance is only self-audited by each program and there are no inspections
- The two non-profit social adult day programs in CB8 have been experiencing lower participation/sign-up rates. Riverdale Y closed its SADP program April 30th and introduced its program participants to RSS's ADAP program and other support. Some SADP clients may attend

the Y senior center with their caregivers. Lack of awareness of programs, stigma and/or cost may possibly explain low participation rates

- A new for-profit social day program opened on Broadway in North Riverdale. Participants' Medicaid Managed Care plans cover the tuition fees. MMCs generally pay more than the fees charged by our local non-profit social day programs. The for-profit day program that met with our committee a few years ago relocated and is no longer in Kingsbridge
- Discussed need to get "how-to" information out to older adults living in our district and help to distribute Senior Resource Guides, e.g., community centers, houses of worship, elected officials
- *City & State* reported that DFTA's FY2018 budget falls short of their request to fund services for growing senior population. Main concern is sufficient funding to cut wait lists for services and to adequately fund senior centers

FY2019 Budget Request Discussion

Participants discussed expense budget requests from two prior years, what we may want to include in FY19 requests and also raised new service/needs gaps to consider. Chair will summarize and distribute draft to committee members prior to June meeting. Budget process suggestions raised from the discussion include looking at requests from other CBs and asking older adults in our community for input.

Committee members agreed to move our meeting forward - to the same day as the CB8 Board meeting.

Our next meeting date is changed and will be held on Monday, June 12th at 3:30pm. Location will be determined

Meeting ended at 5:00 pm

Prepared and submitted by
Lisa Daub, Chair, Aging Committee