

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2016 AT
THE ATRIA - RIVERDALE**

PRESENT

Lisa Daub
Irving Ladimer
Georgia Santiago
I.W. Stone
Sharon Asherman
Enrie Morales
Francine Scherer
Eric Leopold
Suad Hassan
Maritza Ortiz
Lourdes Santacruz

AFFILIATION

CB8 Committee Chair
CB8 Committee Member
CB8 Committee Member
CB8 Committee Member
Community Committee Member, Riverdale Y
Community Committee Member, Right at Home
Community Committee Member, Resident
Atria - Riverdale
Senator Klein & NIDC
Ft. Independence Sr Center / MMCC
Methodist Home

Not Present:

Anthony Creaney
Marvin Goodman
Karen Pesce
Amy Joy Robateau

CB8 Committee Vice Chair
CB8 Committee Member
CB8 Committee Member, CB8 Secretary
CB8 Committee Member

The meeting commenced at 3:40 PM.

Introductions

- Welcome – Chair thanked Eric Leopold and Atria for hosting the meeting
- Participants introduced themselves. Ms. Suad Hassan joined later in the meeting and introduced herself as working with Senator Klein and Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corp (NIDC), currently on a safety project installing panoramic peepholes on front doors for seniors and people with disabilities residing in certain non-NYCHA buildings.

Minutes – Approval of September 20th meeting is deferred until a quorum meets. Chair pointed out an error (inverted senior center attendance percent) requiring amended minutes for the vote.

Old Business

- Reviewed the ranking of Aging Committee's items within the overall CB8 FY2018 expense budget requests

Updates – Chair, Members, Participants

- Legislative Updates: (1) Local Law 51(2015) requires the development of a guide for building owners to help people age in place. The Guide is extensive and available online, (2) Local Law 100 (2016) requires the Dept of Consumer Affairs to provide seniors with outreach and education regarding consumer protection issues, such as telemarketing & internet fraud, Medicare & healthcare fraud, investment and reverse mortgage schemes, etc., and (3) Dept of Health & Human Services issued a rule that bars nursing homes and assisted living facilities that receive federal funding from inserting an arbitration clause into contracts. Associations are now challenging the ruling

(Daub). Participants discussed their views. Mr. Ladimer brought up his past work with the American Arbitration Assoc. and his current work on a publication to help mitigate medical errors.

- Board members will look into proportion of LINC rental assistance occupancy at Van Cortlandt Green (Daub) Participants discussed various concerns on that one block.
- Memorial held at Hudson River Museum for Alvin Shatkin. Artwork is for sale.(Ladimer)
- Atria, in partnership with AFA, will host a workshop on Nov 11th at 9:00AM to enhance communications of caregiver and paid home aides with people with dementia (Leopold).
- Libraries will expand their focus on seniors this year (Goodman via Ladimer)

New Business

- NY Metropolitan Transportation Council is holding a public workshop on Monday¹ Oct. 24th to improve public transportation for seniors and people with disabilities. Participants shared concerns in our district for Chair to voice at the meeting, including erratic #7 bus service, Access-a-Ride issues, accessible and green taxis, cab reimbursement delays and lack of east/west public transportation in hilly terrain district.
- Continued discussion of possible committee projects, and participants commented on a joint forum idea regarding nursing homes & CCRCs raised by Chair.

The Committee will hold its next meeting on Tuesday November 15th at **2:30PM** (earlier time begins) at the Methodist Home. DFTA representatives will join us.

Planning ahead - December's meeting will be held at Ft. Independence Senior Center. RAIN will present their programs for residents in our district. In January, our Senior Center roundtable meeting will be held at Christ Church.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

Prepared and submitted by
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¹ The NYMTC meeting has been rescheduled for November 3rd.