

-Draft- Pending Committee Approval
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2020 AT
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 OFFICES

Committee Members Present

Eric Dinowitz, Chair
Lisa Daub
Marvin Goodman
Karen Pesce
Jyll Townes

Committee Members Not Present

Daniella Fuchs
Dan Padernacht
Rita Pochter Lowe

Other CB8 and Guests

Sharon Asherman, Riverdale Y
Miryam Rabner, MJHS
Julie Dalton, Riverdale Senior Services

The meeting commenced at 4:10 pm
Eric Dinowitz, Aging Committee Chair, welcomed everyone.

Discussion of Current Programs

The meeting opened with the directors of MJHS, Riverdale Y, and RSS discussing programming and events at their respective centers.

MJHS hosted a veteran to veteran café at Kittay House. Veterans had the opportunity to meet and chat with one another. The oldest veteran in attendance was 97, and the youngest was 24. They are looking to host one or two of these events in CB8 this year. Miryam Rabner described the event as “very moving.” The Riverdale Y and RSS were interested in hosting a program like this.

RSS hosted a Martin Luther King Jr. event on Friday, January 17th. One member worked directly with Dr. King, while others shared their personal stories and memories of Dr. King. The event was planned by the Center’s members. In the near future, RSS is hosting talks on online dating after 55 and digital photography. RSS was also awarded a grant from Bon Secour for wellness. RSS is partnering with groups, including Kingsbridge Heights Community Center and Outer Seed Shadow, to promote food justice.

The Riverdale Y is increasing its LGBT programming through the center and the entire Y. Thrive NYC mental health clinic is also open. They are also working with self help to work with Holocaust survivors with moderate dementia.

Minutes

December minutes passed

In Favor:

E. Dinowitz, L. Daub, M. Goodman, K. Pesce, J. Townes

Opposed:
None

Abstain:
None

Budget Items

Committee and guests discussed budget items. This year's budget requests deal with the following areas:

1. Increase to funding in Dementia Care Programs
2. Senior Center Transportation
3. Senior Centers Funding
4. Affordable Housing
5. Safe Crossings

Other Items

Chair reported that no changes to express bus service would occur this year and thanked the committee and the board for passing November's resolution, which was received by the MTA. Chair shared that he believes advocacy from the board helped sway the MTA's decision. Chair announced that he and Jyll Townes were in the process of updating the senior resource guide. Directors from the senior centers in attendance and members offered to help provide updated information.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:10

Minutes prepared and submitted by Eric Dinowitz