

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2014 AT
SCHERVIER APARTMENTS**

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Lisa Daub
Beverly Fettman
Marvin Goodman
Irving Ladimer
Georgia Santiago
Bill Stone
David Gellman
Robert Ackerson
Melanie Baez
Barbara Clark
Nancy D'Auria
Jane Kennedy
Jerome Leff
Meghan Lynch
Enrie Morales
Alvin Shatkin
Carolyn Stem
Sharon Wolfe

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Riverdale Senior Services
New York Academy of Medicine
JASA Van Cortlandt Senior Center

The meeting commenced at 2:30 PM.

1. Introduction

- Participants introduced themselves
- The Chair announced that the District Manager of CB8 has resigned and the Board is searching for a replacement. Spread the word to encourage those who are qualified to apply for this position.

2. Minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting were accepted as submitted.

3. Speakers – Meghan Lynch & Carolyn Stem, New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM)

Ms. Lynch introduced herself, telling of her service with local Bronx government, and presented on the **Age Friendly Neighborhood (AFN)** initiative which is part of Age Friendly NYC. In 2002-3, the World Health Organization put out a call to make cities more livable given the populations' increasing longevity. NYAM and NYC teamed to answer the call and Age Friendly NYC now has 59 initiatives. AFN recognizes that every

neighborhood has different needs and priorities and always seeks to engage older adults and stakeholders in the process. Housing and transportation are generally consistent needs throughout NYC. AFN is based on the Aging Improvement District model, initiated in 3 pilot areas. City Council approved funding to 10 neighborhoods (plus one privately funded) with goal to reach one neighborhood within each Council District, starting with the most diverse neighborhoods. The speaker discussed the four phases which always involves older adults: 1. Neighborhood assessment, 2. Community & business outreach, 3. Neighborhood action plan, 4. Promotion. There is an Age Friendly Ambassador program that trains volunteers to reach out to the community and spread the word in their district (currently none in our area). The Committee discussed the initiative with the speakers, asked questions and areas of interest. Ms. Stem summed up that the Initiative strives to put a “senior lens on everything in the city, one neighborhood at a time”. For more information, see www.agefriendlynyc.org.

4. Old Business

- Ms. Pesce, Committee Chair, reached out to the Association of Riverdale Cooperatives regarding the Committee’s concern for frail seniors who reside alone and who may need assistance - especially those who may be at risk to themselves or to others. The Chair will follow-up with the Council of NYC Cooperatives. The participants discussed limited resources and legal issues, e.g., social work and APS.
- Mr. Ladimer and Mr. Goodman clarified certain issues regarding the tabled resolution concerning research and compensation. There is no *direct* line between NIH research and pharmaceutical firms. If a study participant feels that remuneration is appropriate, they should ask for it at the start.
- Ms. Daub provided a brief update on the progress of the Senior Resources Guide.
- The Chair submitted the names of two regular attendees to be named as Community Committee Members. The Board Chair is reviewing the request.

5. New Business

None

The Committee will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 17th at 2:30 PM – location to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Prepared by Lisa Daub, Vice Chair
Reviewed by Karen Pesce, Chair
Aging Committee