

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2015 AT
HUDSON HOUSE**

PRESENT

Lisa Daub
Anthony Creaney
Irving Ladimer
Karen Pesce
Georgia Santiago
Sharon Asherman
Enrie Morales
Beverly Fettman
David Gellman
Jesus Laguerre
Amy Joy Robateau
Selma Samuel
Lourdes Santacruz

AFFILIATION

CB8 Committee Chair
CB8 Committee Vice Chair
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CB8 Committee Member
Community Committee Member, Riverdale Y
Community Committee Member, Right at Home
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CB8
Neighborhood SHOPP
CB8
Community Resident
Methodist Home for Nursing & Rehab

The meeting commenced at 3:35 PM.

Introductions

- Welcome - Participants introduced themselves
- Beverly Fettman resigned from the Board but plans to attend Aging Committee meetings
- All agreed to start meetings at 2:30 PM during Standard Time (Daylight Savings ends)

Minutes of the September 17, 2015 meeting were accepted as submitted (7-0)

Speaker – *Jesus Laguerre, Outreach Worker, Neighborhood SHOPP – VIP Program*

Mr. Laguerre provided an introduction to Neighborhood SHOPP (Neighborhood Self Help by Older Persons Project, Inc.) and SHOPP's VIP (Violence Intervention and Prevention) program. SHOPP is a multi-service agency headed by Evelyn Laureano and has been serving South Bronx communities for almost 40 years. They provide case management, benefits enrollment assistance and operate 3 senior centers, all based on the philosophy of self help and mutual assistance. SHOPP's VIP program has recently been contracted to support victims of elder abuse throughout the Bronx. Abuse may be physical, emotional, financial, sexual, and/or neglect. VIP provides counseling and can help with making police reports, filing victim's services claims, and referrals to other services as needed. They can collaborate with other city and local agencies. VIP serves people harmed by trusted individuals such as family members, but not people harmed in institutional settings or by hired providers. People with dementia are served by Adult Protective Services. Committee members and meeting participants were not familiar with SHOPP / VIP and were pleased to learn about this service.

Old Business

Senior Resource Guide for CB8 – The Chair received comments on the draft from 2 people and asked other members to submit their comments on or before the next committee meeting. Participants made a few suggestions from the floor.

New Business

Effects of ZQA and MIH on Older Adults – The Chair provided key CB8 meeting dates to review the City's Zoning for Quality & Affordability and Mandatory Inclusionary Housing proposals, and noted that the comment period ends on November 30th. Due to the tight timeframe, the Chair drafted and shared a committee resolution for discussion to express its' position on the proposal's effects on older adults in the community, including people who may reside in the proposed independent senior housing. The committee discussed the resolution and with removal of 2 paragraphs and adding a statement of needs of seniors in the community, to be modified per discussion by Ms. Pesce and Ms. Daub, the Committee approved the resolution as amended (7-0).

Other:

- Mr. Ladimer encourages older adults to take an active role in the community
- Mr. Gellman encourages older adults to participate in exercise programs offered in city parks
- Atria and 5-Star held re-opening celebrations following facility renovations, attended by the Chair and Ms. Morales

The Committee will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, November 17th, 2015 at 2:30PM – location to be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 510 pm.

Prepared and submitted by
Lisa Daub, Chair, Aging Committee