

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

**PRESENT**

Lisa Daub  
Anthony Creaney  
Irving Ladimer  
Karen Pesce  
Amy Joy Robateau  
Georgia Santiago  
I.W. Stone  
Sharon Asherman  
Enrie Morales  
Francine Scherer  
Rebecca Brown-Barbier  
Barbara Clark  
Sasha Kesler  
Selina Ng  
Kathleen Nietzsche  
Eric Leopold  
Mohini Mishra  
Lynda Perez  
Helene Samberg  
**+ 6 Residents**

**AFFILIATION**

CB8 Committee Chair  
CB8 Committee Vice Chair  
CB8 Committee Member  
CB8 Committee Member, CB8 Secretary  
CB8 Committee Member  
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CB8 Committee Member  
Community Committee Member, Riverdale Y  
Community Committee Member, Right at Home  
Community Committee Member, Resident  
NYPL – Riverdale Branch  
Jewish Home – Riverdale House  
Self Help  
Riverdale Senior Services  
Sunnyside / RSS  
Atria  
Self Help  
NYPL – Riverdale Branch  
NYPL – Riverdale Branch  
Riverdale House

**Not Present:**

Marvin Goodman

CB8 Committee Member

The meeting commenced at 3:20 PM.

**Introductions**

- Welcome – Chair thanked everyone for attending and Riverdale House for hosting the meeting. Meeting ends at 4:30 today. Welcome Amy Joy Robateau to the Committee.
- Distributed English and Spanish Senior Resource Guides, CB8 bags and bookmarks
- Introduced our speakers from the Riverdale Branch NY Public Library (NYPL)

**Speakers – Rebecca Brown-Barbier, Helene Samberg, Lynda Perez - Riverdale NYPL**

The library serves all age groups, with programs from early childhood through older adults. The Oral History Project serves to tell the story of Riverdale by recording the history and memories of people who live here. So far, the branch has interviewed over 40 people, and they welcome more participants.

For adults, the library holds book discussions, scrabble games, knitting circles, art classes, and ESL & English conversation on Saturdays. Technology is taught one-on-one by appointment and with an open computer lab. The Riverdale branch has a large enrollment in books-by-mail. The branch offers large print books, multi-language books, audio books, videos and it arranges inter-library loans. Library e-books are becoming popular.

## **Minutes**

- June 7, 2016 minutes approved (10/0/0)

## **Old Business**

- Resource Guide was distributed at various community events.

## **FY2018 Budget Priorities**

- Chair re-tabulated committee member votes on FY2018 expense budget requests and distributed copies to members. CB8 members will prioritize / merge with requests from all committees.
- Distributed copy of DFTA consultation Q&As from Bronx CBs. Brief discussion

## **New Business & Updates from Chair, Members and Participants**

- Alvin Shatkin, a long time volunteer at RSS, artist, and committee participant passed away. RSS is accepting contributions to name the computer room in his memory. His art will be displayed at a special event at the Hudson River Museum
- RSS is holding a bazaar on November 6<sup>th</sup>
- CM Cohen's office said that his district is not sponsoring an Age Friendly NYC initiative this year
- Studies show that loneliness/isolation negatively impacts aging well and over 90% of adults 60+ do not attend senior centers. We can continue to uncover and get word out about other opportunities for connection such as libraries, houses of worship, volunteering, etc
- East/West transportation is lacking in CB8 and reduces participation in community life. Bring up with T&T/MTA. DFTA will give status of transportation bid at November's meeting
- Sunnyside Community Services received a NYS grant to reach out to and support caregivers. They are onsite at RSS. The HHSS committee had a speaker from PSS Circle of Care with a similar program. Additional NYS grant recipients offer caregiver support in the Bronx and all boroughs
- Atria is hosting a presentation this Thursday on cons & scams targeting seniors
- Discussed possible committee initiatives (e.g., Veterans joint program, volunteer visitors, transportation issues, forum); Discussion will be continued at October meeting. Chair asked for meeting speaker/topic ideas
- The regular April meeting date will change due to a holiday conflict

The Committee will hold its next meeting on **Thursday**, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM – location to be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

Prepared and submitted by  
Lisa Daub, Chair, Aging Committee