

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2006 AT THE  
RIVERDALE SENIOR CENTER  
2600 NETHERLAND AVENUE**

**PRESENT**

Karen Pesce  
Robert Abbott  
Anthony Creaney  
Irving Ladimer  
Anne Patterson  
Ceil Gordet  
Lisa Konnitz  
Mary Mondell  
Elizabeth Silymer  
Jen Rappaport  
Jim Higgins  
Mary McLoughlin  
Julia Schwartz-Leeper  
Bola Aribides

**AFFILIATION**

Committee Chairperson CB #8  
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Riverdale Senior Services  
Joint Public Affairs for  
Older Adults

1. Minutes of previous meeting approved as submitted.
2. Speaker, Ellen Camerieri, White House Conference on Aging, 2006

The first official White House Conference on Aging was held in 1961, attended by Irving Ladimer. The last conference prior to the 2005 was held in 1995. Attendees were appointed by government officials, as was Camerieri, with some at-large-reps, including those well known for involvement in aging issues. The Policy Committee developed the agenda and resolutions and was unwilling to fluctuate from those. There was little opportunity for input, resulting in the NY State Delegation, including Camerieri, to issue a statement of "serious concerns about the structure, process and anticipated outcomes of the 2005 Conference". The NY contingent wanted to be on record as opposing some of the proposals. Other major complaints related to late dissemination of materials and lack of opportunity for input on wording and prioritizing of resolutions. Presentations weren't geared to the advanced expertise and sophistication of many in the audience. There was concern expressed by attendees that the U.S. is behind in technology serving Seniors. The program emphasis seemed to focus on baby boomers and their needs, rather than identifying the spectrum of older adults who need care and attention. Neither President Bush or Mrs. Bush attended the Conference. For further information: White House Conference on Aging, Google or Yahoo.

3. Old Business: resolution relating to needed changes in Medicare Part D: passed unanimously
4. New Business
  - a) DOROT: Caregivers' Connections with telephone support groups and workshops for caregivers: for more information contact F. Rod, (973)763-1811 or Lori Rubin, (212) 769-2850. Call for enrollment costs.
  - b) Geriatric Care Managers Save Lives and money: poss. speaker
  - c) Resolution: relating to need for changes to Medicare part D, enrollment and eligibility. Passed unanimously and to be presented to Executive Committee for review and revision before presentation to full committee, CB #8.

Submitted by  
Karen Pesce, Chairperson  
Aging Committee

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