

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE
HELD ON Tuesday, October 24, 2006 AT THE
HEBREW HOME, 5901 PALISADE AVENUE**

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Lillian Negroni
Carmen Lopez
Nadine Baker
Tracy Feerick
Anthony Creaney
Ciel Gordet
Sue Tozzi
Anne Patterson
Beverly Fettman
Andrea Marais

AFFILIATION

CB8, Committee Chairperson
Kittay House
Riverdale Mental Health Assn.
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Hebrew Home of Riverdale

1. Minutes of previous meeting approved as submitted.
2. Speaker unavailable for this meeting and will be rescheduled.
3. Discussion: Need for evacuation plans for all housing units with seniors and others.

Responsibility of landlords? Do all senior housing buildings have evacuation plans? Responsibility of Con Ed to provide quicker response, especially during heat waves. Lobell of Hyatt is willing to present on issues relating to legislation for senior housing; Ladimer of this committee has written most of the proposals for senior housing. Pesce will contact both of them for an initial presentation both to this committee, Health and Hospitals, Housing and Public Safety to consider a public forum.

4. Reports
 - a. Anne Patterson, AARP Bd: Hudson Point, formerly Fairfield Div. of Hebrew Home has new administrator; focus is short term rehab.
 - b. Sue Tozzi, BJCC: Kosher meals are now/again being provided by Bruno's. RAIN, Regional Aid for Interim Needs, provides meals on wheels for approximately 1700 meals/day. Hearts and Hammers program from RAIN provides home repairs includes insulation, roofing. Applications are available November 1. From whom???

Express Bus Service: hours for reduced senior discounts 10-3PM. And after 7 PM. Meters take only quarters. Can Councilman Koppell ask for increased hours of service discount for seniors?

DFTA has home care on sliding fee scale based on income eligibility; recipient pays \$1 and up, depending on income; this is not an entitlement but a benefit.

- c. Interfaith Caregivers has program providing friendly visiting but not personal service.
- d. Access-A-Ride provides service within the NYC limits but not into Westchester. Service seems to be more on time for routine/regular appointments verses occasional appointments.

- e. M. Segal, AARP: Most State bills were passed. Prescription affordability didn't pass, nor did publicizing perks to physicians anticipating prescriptions written for the hosting pharmaceutical.
5. Miscellaneous
- a. Suggested by Fettman, include disabilities with aging. Referred to CB8 Chair. Also, shuttle needed for parking in business areas, poss. van or minivans. Refer to Transportation Committee. Also referred to Traffic is the problem of hard of hearing to hear announcements on mass transit. Lite signage could be used to indicate next stop.
6. Other: next meeting will be Tuesday, November 28, 2006, 3:30PM: LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Submitted by,

Karen Pesce
Chairperson
Aging Committee

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