

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007 AT THE
RIVERDALE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY
6477 BROADWAY**

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Robert Abbott
Tracy Feerick
Beverly Fettman
Irving Ladimer
Manfred Segal
Constance Segal
Anne Patterson
Sue Tozzi
Nadine Baker
Lillian Negroni
Vilma Walters
Yhatrid Algarin
Andrea Marais

Joe Facciola
Julia Schwartz-Leeper

AFFILIATION

Committee Chairperson CB #8
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AARP
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BJCC
Schervier Nursing Care Ctr.
Kittay House
Riverdale Senior Services
Riverdale Mental Health Assoc.
The Hebrew Home for the Aged
at Riverdale
DFTA
Riverdale Senior Services

Minutes of Aging Committee: 1/23/07

1. Minutes of previous meeting approved as presented.
2. Old Business
 - a. Disaster preparedness: B. Fettman reported a recent apartment fire in the Skyview complex with multiple fire engines responding, blocking all entrance/egress. She suggested residential buildings staff train their residents in emergency preparedness and she will follow-up at Skyview.
 - b. Mailing list: periodically reviewed and updated to remove those who haven't attended for several months.
3. New Business
 - a. Bronx Borough President Carrion's discretionary fund projects were reviewed. The funds are distributed through DFTA.
 - b. Discussion of the Board Structure and Operations report: although few other Community Boards have Aging committees, there is a high percentage of older adults in this area. Agencies serving that population are well represented at the Aging Committee; afternoon meetings better serve the consumers as well as business people. Not all of the suggested inclusions strongly relate to the aging population, i.e. job training, unemployment. It was recognized that there is no committee representing the disabled of all ages; it was suggested Health and Hospitals Committee might be a better match. If disabilities were included with aging, the Committee could be renamed Aging and Special Needs. Vote to maintain Aging as a separate committee: 11 agreed; 1 abstention.

3. Speaker, Joe Faccioli, DFTA: funded programs and congregate meal program statistics were discussed. DFTA believes meal programs are underutilized with seniors 60+ years having more choices, resources and higher expectations. DFTA is doing planning to increase usage, but as participants age and become more frail, the need for home delivered meals and other at-home services increases. There is no provision in the meal program for disabled adults younger than 60yrs. At this time there is no wait for home delivered meals for homebound older adults; there is wait list for homecare. Each Senior Center develops its other programs to meet its clientele needs/choices. "Younger" seniors may prefer classes to meals. New programs are generally developed through RFP's and agencies requesting funding should have compatible requests to increase the likelihood of funding.

Next meeting Tues, 2/27/07, 3:30PM at Riverdale YMHA

Submitted by

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Chairperson
Aging Committee

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