

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2018 AT
ATRIA RIVERDALE**

PRESENT

Lisa Daub
Karen Pesce
Georgia Santiago
Francine Scherer
Mariel De La Cruz
David Gellman
Marvin Goodman
Suad Hassan
Rena Hyman
David Kornbluh
Selina Ng
Maritza Ortiz
Miryam Rabner
Kelly Vasquez

AFFILIATION

CB8 Committee Chair
CB8 Committee Member, CB8 Secretary
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Community Committee Member, Resident
NYC Comptroller's Office
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NIDC
Atria Riverdale
NY Senator Jeff Klein's Office
Riverdale Senior Services
MMCC – Ft Independence Senior Center
MJHS Hospice – Zicklin Residence
NIDC

Not Present:

Irving Ladimer
Rita Pochter Lowe
I.W. Stone
Sharon Asherman

CB8 Committee Member
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Community Committee Member, Riverdale Y

The meeting commenced at 3:15 PM

Introductions

Participants introduced themselves. Chair thanked our hosts at the Atria, welcomed attendees and introduced today's speaker: Mariel De La Cruz, Director Bronx Borough Public Affairs, NYC's Comptroller's Office – to discuss Comptroller Scott Stringer's report on aging

Topic – *Aging with Dignity – A Blueprint for Serving NYC's Growing Senior Population*

Ms. De La Cruz's office covers seven Bronx community board districts. She introduced the role of the Comptroller and the office's support for older adults - including managing pension funds, publishing research reports, auditing and advocating for changes that improve quality of life while also saving money. Ms. De La Cruz reviewed various statistics contained in the Report. The comprehensive plan to help people age in place include specific investments in NORCs, senior centers, caregiver support, affordable housing, home fix-ups, safe streets, transportation, accessibility and health screenings. The report discusses the Age Friendly Neighborhood initiative and shows CB8 as a possible candidate due to our higher percentage (not numbers) of older adults in the district

Ms. De La Cruz answered questions and shared copies of the report - also available online at: <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/reports/aging-with-dignity-a-blueprint-for-serving-nycs-growing-senior-population/>

Minutes

Deferred approval of December 19th minutes pending quorum

Old Business -

- Following the last meeting, Mr. Stone shared Access-A-Ride e-newsletter summarizing improvement plans. Discussed whether our committee should invite an MTA speaker. Ms. Ng noted that RSS is hosting a meeting on Access-A-Ride this Thursday at 1:00 PM

New Business & Updates – from Chair, committee members and participants

- An article in last week's Riverdale Press discusses Irving Ladimer's service to the community. Mr. Ladimer celebrates his 102nd birthday next month.
- At Board meeting, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz noted Schervier Apartments' heating problems. His office is helping to expedite repairs
- Council Member Andrew Cohen is hosting a SCRIE, DRIE & SCHE sign-up event with DOF at the Spuyten Duyvil Library on Wednesday January 24th from 2-4pm. Bronx Borough President Rubin Diaz is also hosting a sign-up on the 24th and then monthly. See flyers
- Ms. Hassan provided update on NIDC Crime Prevention Program. Over 1000 wide angle peepholes installed, funded by Senator Klein's allocation. Participants discussed how this is really needed in NYCHA buildings but is not available to NYCHA residents.
- Ms. Hyman introduced Atria's StoryWise –topics to spark memories and conversation, in card form and on iPhone app
- Hebrew Home is presenting on their planned Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) at a special CB8 Land Use meeting on Jan 25th. Chair asked all to try to attend
- A Brooklyn service provider sent info regarding Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Service (CDPAS) – selecting a caregiver that can be a family member, friend, etc., paid via Medicaid MLTC
- Legislative Updates: none

The Committee will take a break in February unless an urgent issue arises. Our next planned meeting is on Tuesday, March 20th at 3:30 PM. Location to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

Prepared and submitted by
Lisa Daub
Chair, Aging Committee