

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 27TH, 2010
AT THE RIVERDALE SENIOR CENTER

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Anthonhy Creaney
Thomas Durham
Irving Ladimer
Doris Bendheim
Gene Fein
Marvin Goodman
Constance Segal
Manfred Segal
Alvin Shatkin
Douglas Thomas
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Riverdale Senior Services
Riverdale Senior Center
Riverdale AARP
Riverdale AARP
Riverdale Senior Center
Atria Senior Living
Hebrew Home

1. Minutes of previous meetings amended to add: BJCC distributed a few hundred Passover packages to homebound residents. The BJCC AMPark NORC is working with AARP on its Complete Street program to Make New York Walkable for all Generations. Minutes approved as amended.
2. Reports from agencies/individuals
 - a. Hebrew Home: thank you for hosting the meeting. A medical model for adult daycare accepts Medicaid and private pay and is available 24 hrs/7 days of each week, allowing caregivers dealing with those who are awake during the night to have that person cared for. Seniors who have been abused in any manner can be brought to Hebrew Home for evaluation, stay, community assistance programs referral. Riverdale Terrace with 59 units has been empty for several months; future use hasn't been determined.
 - b. Atria, Riverdale: A caregivers support group is available on Sundays, 10:30-12:30pm. The program offers referrals to resources in community.
 - c. AARP: Healthcare bill takes effect over 4 years; children living at home up to age 26 would be covered. Those in 2010 "donut hole" for prescription drugs would be eligible for refund up to \$250. Eligibility to be expanded above level of \$14000 for singles.
 - d. Walkability Assessment, sponsored by AARP: There have been few volunteers. To reduce accidents around 230th and Broadway, suggestion was making Exterior Street one way toward Broadway. There are "moguls", aka ripples in black top, on Riverdale Avenue. Sidewalks in area of Riverdale Senior Services have uneven surfaces, creating falls by clients, frequency unknown. Con Ed did some street repairs after its work and those areas are now broken up. Reportedly, accidents reported to the NYPD are only those with physical injury or damage in excess of \$1000.
 - e. G. Fein, RSS: NY Presbyterian Hospital has informative website. Recent news is that anti-platelet drug may be better than aspirin in preventing strokes. He will print copy for distribution.

- f. M. Goodman, RSS: his pool of volunteers may be interested in serving on “welcoming committee” for those visiting Van Cortlandt Park. K. Pesce to forward information to Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy.
- g. A. Shatkin: follow up on OATS presentation. It’s anticipated that OATS will provide additional computer training at RSS if funding is available.
- h. T. Durham: NYC Chair of Homeless Commission resigned. There is focus on federalization of housing and he will bring info to next meeting.

New Business

1. Riverdale Senior Services is having fundraiser 6/9/10 with Christine Quinn as speaker. Cost: \$125 per person. Suggested was that Aging Committee members contribute \$30 each for Journal ad for ¼ page ad. Passed. Pesce to contact absent members.
2. Identity theft: K. Pesce to contact Cuomo for speaker and get more copies of pamphlet.
3. K. Pesce to request CB8 send letter to Commission on Aging, forwarded to Charter Commission, to be more proactive on issues relating to senior programs.
4. Classic Residence by Hyatt went public and will no longer be using Hyatt name.

Speaker: Bobbi Sackman, CSCS, unavailable. Her p.s. was to visit CSCS website for budget developments relating to seniors.

Just for fun: Vermillion, the little street on east side of Broadway between 231 and 230th Street was named for a ferry captain who moved boats between Spuyten Duyvil and Harlem River. Speak to Marvin Goodman, Riverdale Senior Services, for fascinating details.

Next meeting Tuesday, May 25, 2010. Location to be announced.

Submitted by,

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Aging Committee

KP:db (May 3, 2010)