

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MAY 25th, 2010
AT THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
BOARD OFFICE**

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Anthony Creaney
Thomas Durham
Beverly Fettman
Irving Ladimer
Baya Butler
Jeanette Cohen
Kristen Greenwald
Douglas Thomas
Regina Wallace

AFFILIATION

Committee Chairperson, CB#8
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BJCC-AmPark- NORC
Kittay House
Hudson Pointe & Riverdale
Atria Riverdale
Riverwalk at the Hebrew Home

1. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as submitted.
2. Expense budget priorities for 2012 were discussed and approved by consensus.
 - a. Maintain Senior Centers in accessible locations to provide communal dining and other support program.
 - b. Maintain transportation programs and funding for drivers and vehicle upkeep.
 - c. Maintain case management services for information and referral, providing support services allowing seniors to age in place.
 - d. Increase geriatric mental health screening and services.
 - e. Maintain and fund Social Adult Daycare programs.
3. Agency/individual reports
 - a. BJCC: maintains storefront agencies supported by discretionary funds to provide case management services, generally for those 60 years and over. Future funding is uncertain. The Weill Cornell Geriatric Program does in home evaluations usually within 48 hours. Pea Pod will deliver groceries which can be ordered by phone or on line; there is a \$5 delivery charge which is refunded if the delivery isn't made within a specified time period. BJCC will do a program on Holocaust survivors in collaboration with Ampark School 6/15/10.
 - b. Housing Committee Chair: BJCC is doing outreach program for shut ins. Referrals will be made to local facilities or outside help would be arranged. Identification of those in need is a challenge; they were referred to the Association of Riverdale Co-ops and also management companies, but privacy issues could limit the identification process.
 - c. Riverdale Senior Services: Thank you to all who contributed to the Journal ad listing the Aging Committee. RSS will hold its fundraiser at Horace Mann 6/9/10 with Christine Quinn, speaker of the City Council; there will be silent auction. Tickets are \$125. Ladimer suggested a joint effort by Health, Hospitals & Social Services, Public Safety and Aging committees to address older drivers and cognitive impairment.

- d. Kittay House is dedicating its 202 Housing Building of 71 units on 6/3/10. There is a waiting list. A hemodialysis unit opened in April with 10% of services available to Kittay House residents and those in the new housing. The program is available to those who are younger than 62 yrs. as well as seniors.
 - e. Hudson Pointe at Riverdale: Welcome Kristen! There are 167 beds, 35 of them short term. There is a new program for short term residents, "Passport." Hudson Pointe is family owned, one of several. The organization anticipates providing community outreach program beginning over the next several months.
 - f. B. Fettman: Sidewalk conditions are uneven in several locations, causing her to fall and break her wrist. The recent storm may have exacerbated the problem with tree roots lifting up parts of sidewalks. Mrs. Fettman testified at the MTA hearing to support no change in Access A Ride. She believes there will be no changes approved.
 - g. Hebrew Home: all Riverwalk apartments are full.
 - h. Atria at Riverdale: There are a few openings. Atria is hosting the Riverdale Art Association show and sale which is open to the public. Atria generously provided the food at the Legislative Breakfast. Mr. Bellamy has retired from his position as administrator.
 - i. AARP: The organization is developing a registry with emergency information to identify the underserved frail and elderly. It is working on a program to have closed captions (often used on news program) to be read, also to meet needs of visually impaired.
4. Old Business: Letter was sent to the Commissioner on Aging to contact the Charter Commission to preserve issues of interest/need for older adults.
 5. New Business: Next meeting 9/10. Location to be announced.

Submitted by,

Karen Pesce
Chairperson
Aging Committee

KP:db (May 27, 2010)