

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 23RD, 2010
AT ATRIA AT RIVERDALE
3718 HENRY HUDSON PARKWAY EAST**

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Anthony Creaney
Tom Durham
Irving Ladimer
Beverly Fettman
Georgia Santiago
Robert Ackerson
Baya Butler
Gene Fein
Deby Finkelstein

Kathy Gorup
Christen Greenwald
Jacob Rosenberg
Alvin Shatkin
Doug Thomas

AFFILIATION

Committee Chairperson, CB#8
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Riverdale Senior Center
BJCC & Ampark NORC

Sarah Lawrence College (Health
Advocacy)
Classic Residence in Yonkers
National Health Care
COO, Riverdale YM/YWHA
Riverdale Senior Center
Atria at Riverdale

1. Minutes of previous meeting accepted with correction of date of NYC Marathon and social work interns are based at Sarah Lawrence College and not Riverdale Senior Services.
2. Agency/Individual Reports
 - a. Classic Residence, a Vi Community: hosting the director of orthopedic rehab services, Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehab, Thursday, 12/2, 11AM. Dr. Eric Gordon will speak on "Healthy Joints Keep Moving." RSVP: 914-709-1234.

Classic Residence is interested in partnering with another organization for a toy drive with donations to be given to area families.
 - b. Senior Services: the current primary criteria for evaluating senior centers is the number of people utilizing the meal program. It is considered by many to be a limited snapshot of the programs' impact on the older community.

- c. Georgia Santiago; welcome to Community Board 8 and our new committee member. She has been active in the Marble Hill Senior Center and reported on some of her innovative ideas: softball for seniors. It was suggested that Senior Centers could cooperate with activity programs, i.e. Wifi (??), walk-a-thon.
- d. Debbie Finkelstein: intern from Sarah Lawrence College is currently assessing community health options. She will speak to her director about the availability of an intern to assist with Aging Committee projects.
- e. BJCC: 423 packages for Hope for Chanukah were delivered by volunteers to clients of 20 Bronx agencies.
- f. Riverdale YM/YWHA Senior Center: overnight trips are planned. Leadership of the Senior Center has been changed.
- g. Hudson Pointe at Riverdale: generously donated unsold goods from its bazaar to Riverdale Senior Services.
- h. Riverdale Senior Services: grossed \$13,000-15,000 on its recent bazaar, thanks to the many volunteers who helped. Mr. Shatkin stated he was available for computer tutorials, \$10/hr. An interactive health program is being run in conjunction with Cornell Medical Center. Sidewalk along RSS (Century Bldg.) is being repaired to reduce trips/falls.
- i. Housing Committee: a Town Hall meeting was held to discuss housing needs at Promenade, a 300 family complex, Marble Hill Housing: voiced concerns were elevator malfunctions and other. There will be follow up at Housing Committee, CB 8.

There are 42,000 veterans and only one quarter use available veteran benefits which includes services for caretakers. If funds aren't used in the Bronx, they will be transferred to other boroughs.

- j. AARP: a social is planned. Legislative action continues with visits to Albany as needed.
- k. I. Ladimer: American Bar Association is creating Medicare Committees to better understand the healthcare reform bill. Our committee could also have subcommittees to study issues of interest.
- i. Riverdale Senior Services: 50% of seniors rely on Social Security as their sole source of income.

3. Miscellaneous

- a. Several area churches, synagogues, long term care programs are having Thanksgiving meals available at minimal or no cost. How does that information get out to general public?
- b. Identified need to disseminate organization calendars to the area public, perhaps on Community Bd. 8 website or that of Assemblyman Dinowitz, including meal programs, clothing & food collections. K. Pesce to follow up.
- c. Healthcare Forum, free, sponsored by Community Board 8's Health and Hospital's Committee, 7-9:15 pm all, Manhattan College of Engineering, Leo Hall. A video presentation will be available to Senior Centers and other interested organizations.
- d. Recommended: Aging Committee be more aggressive in pursuing issues relating to older adults, either with our local Councilperson or Assemblyman/Senator and Legislature.
- f. Concern: no meeting location was identified in either of local newspapers.

NO DECEMBER MEETING. Next meeting Tuesday, January 25, 2011.

Happy holidays to all.

Submitted by,

Karen Pesce
Chairperson