

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2012  
AT THE KITTAY HOUSE  
2550 WEBB AVENUE**

**PRESENT**

Karen Pesce  
Tom Durham  
Marvin Goodman  
Irving Ladimer  
Georgia Santiago  
Jeanette Cohen  
Nancy D'Auria  
Constance Segal  
Manfred Segal  
Alvin Shatkin  
Josiris Urena  
John Weed

**AFFILIATION**

Committee Chair, CB8  
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Jewish Home Healthcare  
Hebrew Home at Riverdale  
Chapter 1546 AARP  
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Riverdale Senior Center  
Rep. NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera  
Bronx Works

1. Minutes of previous meeting, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 approved as submitted.
2. Speaker, John Weed of Bronx Works: established in 1972, it is a nonprofit social service agency with twenty-five sites serving people of all ages with 600 employees. Recently it was funded by Department For the Aging (DFTA) as an "innovative" senior program site, one of eight funded. New services include wellness, gardening, expansion to evening meals during daylight savings time and some Saturdays. There is a new gymnasium, planned farmers' market, elder abuse program. Minor repairs for seniors, i.e. light bulb changing, are available through a foundation grant. Bronx Works has a contract to assist seniors in housing court since many face eviction. There is a geriatric mental health program, ESL and an immigration attorney. Location is at Morris and 181st street. All Bronx Works senior centers are in Bronx Community Board 5. Participants are 80% Latino, 60-85 years of age. Bronx Works needs to increase number of participants' participation in programs to demonstrate its success. Participants don't need to utilize meal program.

Suggested were an intergenerational program for gardening and joining in a competition with Riverdale Senior Services on Wi games.

3. Reports from individuals/agencies
  - a. G. Santiago, CB 8: interested in senior housing. Hebrew Home will open facility with Sec. 202 subsidized housing on Johnson Avenue in the fall. APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED NOW!! Call 718-418-2157 and leave name, address to have application sent. There'll be a lottery for available apartments.
  - b. J. Urena, representative for NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera: Meet & Greet scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2012, 11AM-1PM, St. Simon Stock Church, 2195 Valentine Avenue, Bronx. There will also be a workshop on the criminal justice system, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Registration. Call Josie for info: 718-933-2034.
  - c. I. Ladimer: need to develop programs to find employment for those released from prisons. He also wants to do outreach programs on citizenship and will bring a proposal.

- d. A. Shatkin, RSS: available will be a digital user group for ease of access to computer for those with special needs. OATS will present 10 week computer classes for beginners; cost is \$30-50. Anna Tova, a vocalist and artist in residence is presenting Friday mornings. Meet the Authors, a fundraising program, is taking reservations. Call the Senior Center. Valentines Day party: February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- e. M. Goodman, CB 8: his retired superintendents group may have available volunteers. Contact CB 8.
- f. J. Cohen, Kittay House: there is a current promotion for one month trial stay with \$500 discount, resulting in a charge of \$2200 for one month. Kittay is Medicaid funded housing and offers help with activities of daily living. A "celebrity" chef visited Kittay House to cook items on the facility's new menu.
- g. N. DAuria, Hebrew Home: Elderserve program has moved to 170 West 233rd, Bronx to provide easier access for staff participating in training programs. Thanks for prompt response on Johnson Avenue housing.
- h. M. Segal, AARP: Social Security should be solvent until 2034. KRVC Hunger Project continues with collection sites at Wells Fargo, Country Bank, Ponce Deleon, Apple and other banks. Monetary donations are made by AARP members as well as banks and Stop and Shop.
- i. T. Durham: recommended participating seniors be scheduled early in meetings so they don't have to stay out late.

4. Other

- a. Chair will follow up with BRICA on Senior Service Directory.
- b. JASA Van Cortlandt Senior Center (unable to attend): Columbian sculptor Botero to present art history talk, Friday, January 27 at 1PM; Jokexercise, Mon., January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 11:15AM. Kosher lunch daily, 3880 Sedgwick off Van Cortlandt Avenue.
- c. "After the Arrest," informative workshop presented by Bronx District Attorney's Office. Free. Weds., February 29, 2012, 5:45-8PM, Bronx District Attorney's Office, 198 E. 161st Street, 3rd Floor. Litigation Training Room; Marques Johnson, 718-838-7005.
- d. Visions: promoting independence of people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired: 212-625-1616.
- e. Need to follow up on Bronx Health Reach campaign to end segregation in the delivery of out patient services in NY private hospitals or refer to CB 8 Health and Hospitals Committee. Chair will do.

Submitted by,

K. Pesce  
Chair, Aging Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 3:30PM at Riverdale Senior Housing, Mosholu and Broadway (street parking).