

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8  
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON APRIL 24, 2012  
ATRIA RIVERDALE  
3718-3726 HENRY HUDSON PARKWAY, EAST**

**PRESENT**

Karen Pesce  
Bob Abbott  
Anthony Creaney  
Tom Durham  
Irving Ladimer  
Georgia Santiago  
Robert Ackerson  
Stanley Bernstein  
Jane Fisher  
Ed Friedman  
Rebecca Hoffman  
Alvin Shatkin

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1. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as submitted.
2. Speaker: Ed Friedman, Executive Director, Lifetime Arts, Inc. This nonprofit service agency which was developed in conjunction with the Bronx Council of Arts provides consultation and coordination of programs to bring creative activities for older adults to organizations and agencies serving that population. Programs include painting, musical choruses and creative writing. It locates local and professional artists, training them in teaching techniques. Currently Lifetime Arts is partnering with the NY Public Library system including Kingsbridge Library in trying to increase learning in the arts to be more active and less passive. The program is in 28 libraries in NYC, Westchester and north to the Canadian border with the goal of demonstrating its feasibility in both rural and urban areas. A 2006 study by George Washington University showed better outcomes for adults participating in active learning pursuits; there is an ongoing evaluation being conducted by Fordham University.

At the Kingsbridge Library there will be a writing workshop for 12 people led by writers; enrollment deadline is May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 and most programs have wait lists. Funding is provided by the Institute of Library Services (Federal) and foundation grants, including the Samuels Foundation for Healthy Aging. Continued funding is a challenge. [www.lifetimearts.org](http://www.lifetimearts.org)

3. Old Business: in discussion, the participants felt it was best to partner with other CB 8 committees, where possible, on budget requests to increase the likelihood of acceptance. An example of shared requests could be mental health services, partnering with Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee. Adult Social

Daycare programs, maintaining senior transportation programs with funding for drivers and vehicle upkeep, supporting telehealth programs to remotely monitor health issues and homecare services and maintaining senior centers in accessible locations in the Bronx. CB8 catchment area for communal dining, educational social services, case management, recreational programs were discussed. Chair will prepare a preliminary report for prioritizing Expense Budget requests at next meeting.

4. New Business: approximately 10-12 single family homes have been identified in our area (zip 10468) as having liens against their property which could result in a lien sale with potential loss of homes. A waiver available to those who are older or disabled must be filed by 5/17/12. In cooperation with Councilman G. Oliver Koppell's office, this Committee has sent letters to the affected properties, offering consultations with a NYC Department of Finance representative. Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to determine eligibility for a waiver and mechanism to apply for a waiver. Interested owners should call Councilman Koppell's office (718-549-7300) for an appointment to be held at CB8 office or phone consultation.
5. Agency Reports
  - a. Riverdale Senior Services will present an all media vintage art show and reception May 6<sup>th</sup>; Mother's Day Concert with Anatona May 8<sup>th</sup>; in recognition of Older Americans Month in May there will be Wi bowling tournament, trivia games and games of our youth. A digital user group is available on Wednesday, mid-month and planned is photography resources on the web.
  - b. I. Ladimer for Riverdale Senior Services: requested donations of \$25 per person or agency for a journal ad to be submitted as close to May 1, 2012 as possible. Gala to be held at Horace Mann upper school June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
  - c. Tom Durham: there was a housing forum at Lehman College relating to foreclosures.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 at 3:30pm, Hudson Point Rehab, 3220 Henry Hudson Parkway.

Submitted by,

Karen Pesce  
Chairperson  
Aging Committee