

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2013

Meeting was held at the Van Cortlandt Senior Center.

The following were in attendance: Andrew Cohen, Chair, Anthony Creaney (CB8), Marvin Goodman (CB8), Irving Ladimer (CB8), Robert Press (CB8), G. Santiago (CB), Sharon Wolfe, Betty Linck, Manfred Segal (AARP), Madeline Chickacos, Lagara, Garcia, Sylvia Koss, Claire Silver, Lisa Daub, Carmen Ramirez, B. Creight, Lory Sitz, Charlotte Cohen, Muriel Axelbank, Renee Stoller, Hannah Grossman, Bridget Soarkel, Jonathan Hefner (JHH), Kay Boonshoft (JHH), Nancy A. D'Auria, Maude Brown, Lennomina Gorelan, Ida Kossoff, Victor Scelzo and Charise Lawrence (DFTA), Bayla Butler-Director, AmPark NORC

The meeting was open at 1:30pm and all of the attendees introduced themselves. The minutes were reviewed and adopted.

Charise Lawrence from the New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) was a guest speaker and addressed the Committee. The first point that she made was that there are no service cuts proposed for senior programs in the Bronx. However there is no new funding for DFTA transportation programs which were virtually eliminated in past budgets. A brief presentation was made regarding some of the services and programs offered by DFTA including the Grandparents raising Grandchildren unit, the Health Insurance Information Center, and the Crime Abuse reporting system. There are currently 247 senior centers citywide and the number has held steady for the last several years. You must be at least 60 year old to be considered a senior by DFTA.

DFTA recently issued a Request for Proposal for Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) service providers. Ms. Lawrence gave us information on the "Innovative Senior Center Program." This program seeks to enrich the programs available to seniors at senior centers and to make senior centers more appealing to a new generation of seniors. There is currently only one innovative senior center in Bronx County and none in Community Board 8.

The following was briefly discussed:

- Pop up Social Adult Day service providers.
- New Access a Ride cards.
- Innovative Senior Center as a budget priority.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm. Due to the Passover Holiday the next meeting of the Aging Committee will be held at Hudson House, 3247 Johnson Avenue at 1:30 pm.

Andrew Cohen, Chair
Aging Committee