

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 19TH, AT HUDSON HOUSE, 3247 JOHNSON AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10463

The following were in attendance: The following were in attendance: Manfred Segal (AARP), Marion Clutchker (Methodist Home) Lisa Daub, Jonathan Hefner (JHH), Robert Ackerson (RSS), Guery A. Toires (Hudson Pointe Nursing Home) Irving Ladimer (CB8), Robert Press (CB8), Nancy A. D'Auria, Marvin Goodman (CB8), Anthony Creany (CB8), Rachel Gerstein (RSS), Stephanie Rice (RSS), Paul Cravinho (Atria) Georgia Santiago (CB8), Beverly Fettman (CB8) Sylvia Lask and Andrew Cohen, Chair.

1. The meeting opened at 1:30 p.m. and everyone introduced themselves.
2. A presentation on crime prevention and senior safety was given by P.O. Deno of the crime prevention unit. Seniors are vulnerable to crime at any time of day and are generally victims of "crimes of opportunity." This means it is incumbent upon seniors to take precautions to prevent crime before it happens. Some specific tips included not walking alone, and not draping a purse over a walker. Officer Deno strongly urged seniors to avoid confrontation with attackers and surrender property to avoid any escalation of the crime and noted that there had been several pick pocket incidents at the Keyfood on West 235th Street. In addition to crimes of opportunity seniors can be victims of con-games. These are premeditated crimes. A new scam of concern involves manipulating caller I.D. This gives the recipient of the call the impression that they know who is calling when in fact the caller is a scam artist. Some of the other scams being run locally include scams designed to get your personal information, repairman scams and even "fortuneteller" scams. The police have a number of crime prevention programs including surveys by the police at which they will tell you how to make your home or business more secure. They offer VIN etching for automobile glass and ID numbers for cell phones. The police recommend that you check your credit at regular intervals. Several questions were asked regarding the fraud at Chase Bank and officer Deno promised she would report back to us with an update.
3. The minutes from the February meeting were accepted.
4. Joan Rain the manager from Hudson House gave a brief explanation of what Hudson House is and who is eligible to live there and then took the committee members on a tour of the facility including one of the apartments. Hudson House is "202" housing and tenants must be 62 years or older and have and individuals must have income of less than \$32,000 and couples less than \$34,000 a year. The apartments are ADA accessible with small kitchens and there are laundry facilities in the basement. The waiting list is currently closed but they will let us know when it is reopened.
5. Robert Press reported that new boundaries for Neighborhood Advisory Board would exclude Community Board 8; he said he would report with greater detail next month.
6. Discussion of Budget priorities postponed until the April meeting.

Submitted by,

Andrew Cohen,
Chair, Aging Committee