

COMMITTEE FOR CONCERNS OF THE AGING MINUTES

Thursday February 2nd, 2017

@ Community Board Office

Committee Members:

Present: Liliana Saneaux, Chair; Mary Anderson, Asst. Chair; Fern Hertzberg; Norma De Candido, Public Member

Absent:

Board Members: Osi Kaminer; Richard Allman

Guests: **Ilana Dunner**, Executive Director Riverstone Senior Center; **Rose Mary Cortez**, NYPH Allen Hospital, Director Health Outreach Program, Co-Chair WHICOA (Washington Heights/Inwood Council on Aging); **Elizabeth Bravo Santiago**, Caring Kind Medic Alert NYC Wanderers Safety Program; **Ann McCosh**, Resident; **Maureen Belluscio**, Staff Attorney New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI)

Meeting called to order at 10:40 AM by Liliana Saneaux, Chair. Welcome extended to all. Introductions made.

Rose Mary: Announced that WHICOA is planning a forum on Ageism which will potentially be in November.

Maureen: Presented what NYLPI is – a nonprofit organization of lawyers who offer free legal advice to people facing discrimination in housing as well as other issues – funding is from the private Bar – works in all boroughs, but wishes to set up a housing clinic in Washington Heights, where people can work with lawyers on housing issues and get services they need – try to work alongside community advocates to be sure nothing is missed – Access a Ride issues were discussed- Maureen said there are people in NYLPI working on those issues, and will have them reach out to this committee - lots of sharing and questions by everyone ensued

Ilana Dunner: Offered to NYLPI space @ Riverstone for the housing clinic – also presented Memory Center programs offered by the Senior Center

Liliana: Expressed her satisfaction to have brought together 3 organizations which can work as a team, and would like to consider organizing a community forum on NYLPI issues

Mary: Revisited the idea from our last meeting of having a joint meeting with WHICOA and also elected officials, to discuss needs of seniors, what their agenda is regarding those issues, and

how we can work together – Liliana felt that we should wait until everyone is inaugurated and settled, but agreed to engage with Rose Mary to plan for it.

Fern: Raised possibility of inviting Joselinne Minaya from DA's office to a meeting to answer questions involving elderly and crime – **Liliana** said Joselinne has also offered to host one of our meetings. She also delivered an updated list of Senior Centers within CB12 area as promised and emailed to Mr. Ebenezer Smith

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM after motion by Liliana and seconded by Fern.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anderson, Assistant Chair