

Committee For Concerns of the Aging Minutes

Thursday March 02, 2017

Committee Members: Liliana Saneaux, Chair; Fern Hertzberg, member, Norma De Candido, Public Member.

Absent-Excused. Mary Anderson, co-chair

Guests: Olnia de Moya, Archcare-TimeBank Coordinator; Rebecca Heureaux, Riverstone Senior Life Services; Ebelise Andujar, ArchCare Outreach Marketing Ann McCosh, resident.

Meeting called to order @ 10:30a.m. Welcome Introductions

Olnia De Moya. Explains in detail the diverse programs and/or services they offer to senior population, and how the time/exchange works. Details all the ways in which you can participate/collaborate with **Time-Bank**. You lend your time and in exchange, depending on your needs, you receive the services. Literature.

Norma: addresses issues w/difficulties with getting info @ government offices due to lack of good communication over the phone/delays/lack of technology. Access very difficult over phones. Need for technology/computers.

Ann Agrees. Need for technology more available for the senior population. Make buildings accessible to seniors. Suggests elected officials should sponsor a survey door-to-door. What do the elderly want/need? Elected officials should earn the vote of the elderly.

Olnia: Help and/or availability of technology @ CUNY-SUNY in the Heights/ Time Bank; the Inwood Library.

Liliana mentions Committee aims to have a meeting with all elected officials within the District. Which would be our aspirations? What would we request of them? For one, we could request more access to technology and training for it. Libraries usually overcrowded with younger population.

Ann: Suggests an Up-date survey regarding senior population. Protection Medicare program /Lifeline. **Norma** coincides/medicare/medicaid

Liliana-Aging community needs help overall. Working towards improvement. Crisis within the community. Working on meeting with elected officials and other sectors. Waiting they settle down. Crucial to get them together. Elderly population go to vote easier than other age groups. In the same level they participate in their elections, they should be taken care of.

Public safety/company/Lower eligibility for services /making buildings were issues mentioned also

Liliana. Supply more computers to existing senior centers-proposal to elected officials.

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Fern. Improving existing programs/ Medicaid= equals “poor people health insurance”. ; State issues. They actually take away and state has two choices either raise taxes or take from existing programs. If federal govt. decreases it will come from existing programs/ Hold it /need it in the way it exists. If republicans destroy affordable care act/which is what they are saying, they would go back to where it was years ago.

Fern To elected officials: We want strict clear answer how you are going to protect programs we have. What we all need. 10% seniors suffer from depression.

Rebecca Heureaux explained extensively on their facilities and services provided to the senior population.

Ebelise Andujar makes a presentation on the excellent programs offered by Archcare for senior population and distributes Literature.

Olnia de Moya/Details all the ways in which you can participate/collaborate with time bank and in exchange receive other services. Literature was distributed.

Liliana. Event @ Port Authority Bus terminal on March 16th, we should all go and represent as group.

It was suggested to **Ebelize Andujar** to contact The Manhattan Times to explore promotion of their programs.

Fern. Elected officials are dedicated and extremely collaborating with the community. They are always there for the community.

Liliana; Ydanis is always there, you can count on him. And **Carmen** also will.

Fern: Dennis Farrell. Heads Ways and Means @ the assembly is very good.

They are all approachable. **Fern:** we have to make the arguments.

Approved to ask elected officials for computers for Senior Centers.

Postscript. On that same date 3/2, **Liliana Saneaux** spoke with elected officials **Hon. Carmen De La Rosa and Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez**, expressing the aspirations of the Committee for improving access of technology to seniors within the community. They agreed to make the effort for 2 computers for each center, provided the request letter be delivered before 5pm Friday March 3. Letter was efficiently drafted by **Fern Hertzberg**, signed by Chair **Ally Shahabudden**, processed by Mr. **Ebenezer Smith**, and hand delivered 3/7 by **Liliana Saneaux** before 5pm @ their respective offices. Good luck!

