

COMMITTEE FOR CONCERNS OF THE AGING MINUTES

Thursday May 4, 2017

@ Community Board Office

Committee Members present:

Liliana Saneaux, Chair; Mary Anderson, Assistant Chair; Norma de Candido, Public Member

Excused: Fern Hertzberg.

Guests:

1-John Velez, Star Senior Center (Leidy Jorge-Pena Exec Director *could not make it*)

2-Nancy Bruning, PAPHS. Urban Health Writer/Editor Advocate.

3-Rosemary Cortez, Director Health Outreach NYPH Allen Hospital (*could not make it*)

Meeting called to order at 10:30 am by Liliana Saneaux Chair, seconded by Mary Anderson.

Liliana: Welcoming of guests. Introduces members of the committee present, highlights Norma de Candido's eternal presence and attendance @ CB-12 meetings.

John Velez, Star Senior Center, introduces himself and explains Ms. Jorge-Pena unable to attend due to sudden commitment. The center is celebrating its 37 anniversary @ the same location. Has a membership of 1815 members and he informs that some 815 members per month attend the center, enjoying among other things dancing classes and meals. He details the diverse services they offer. Facing the largest problem in 42 years. The landlord attempts to triple their rent. Coming down the road. Archdiocese takes the final determination. Usually they have to perform repairs themselves. Center is used by different groups, which causes deterioration, then they have to take action. Crucial situation.

Liliana. Housing is a big and crucial issue for seniors all over the city, and senior centers are facing very difficult times.

John: 33% of senior centers are gone and most transportation programs are also being closed.

Liliana. As support to this crisis, the Aging Committee of CB-12 can perhaps convene a great meeting/town hall with all senior centers in the district to expose this situation to Elected Officials, Mayor, Borough President also? Great idea! During elections, seniors go out to vote more than the rest of the population/we can exploit that. Idea can be worked on and hold this event by end of summer.

Norma. Hopefully ARC has solved its situation by that time.

Liliana. Will work on drafting letter addressed to all senior centers to organize this event with all of them. Invite senior centers for June meeting.

Nancy Burning makes her presentation on her free diverse Fitness Programs for all ages around city parks. Well attended by people of all ages. Delivers flyers and literature.

Mary Anderson refers to the next presentation on =People's Theater Project= this month of May @ United Palace, in which she participates; explains some aspects of it and delivers flyers. She announces this year presentation is free!

Motion to adjourn by Liliana @ 11:30. Seconded by Mary and Norma.