

## Minutes from Committee for Concerns of the Aging

Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023

Attendance:

**Committee:** – Present: Yosef Kalinsky (Assistant Chair), Maria Luna, James Bosley, Richard Allman. Absent: Mary Anderson (Chair), Mariam James, Nancy Matos. **Public Members:** Dory Garcia (ARC – Ft. Washington), Carol Weeks (Dyckman Senior Center). **Public Attendees:** Ashly Carlos (SHOPP), Diane Ashley (MJHS -Isabella Center), Miryam Rabner (MJHS), Ashton Stewart (MJHS), Verna Arthur (NYC Aging), Ilana Dunner (Riverstone Senior Center), Leidy Jorge-Pena, Shuli Gutman (Moriah Center).

Meeting called to order at 10:37am

- Open Discussion from Senior Centers
  - Question raised about rumors related to the closing of A Train tunnel and elevators @181<sup>st</sup> St. and the trouble it will cause particularly for seniors who depend on the station to get between Bennett and Ft. Washington. We have not seen any signage or announcements. We will ask T&T if they have any knowledge of this or if this can be raised at their meeting schedule for Monday night. The idea of shuttles sponsored by senior centers to bring people was raised as a possible small solution.
- Maria – as president of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct – this month is “women’s month” – and there will be a celebration of the life of our former member, Edith Prentiss, to honor her achievements and to reminisce about her contributions to our community. Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at the Precinct (170<sup>th</sup> and Amsterdam).
- Ilana – The Riverstone memory center, was fully booked during Covid, with 40-50 people there daily. Currently has openings for those who want to participate in the day program. The contact is 212-927-5600. We will share flyers of this announcement.
- Ashton – program for national Vietnam veteran day by MJHS – March 29<sup>th</sup>. Also planning a program with Intrepid Museum to address history of LGBTQ+ in collections and archives, May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Verna – government affairs department meets monthly to discuss issues that affects seniors at centers, if you have any issues or concerns, please share with Verna in order for her to present the issues at the meetings and to get responses almost immediately.
- Marian – ARC center located at 309 Audubon (180<sup>th</sup> Street) is reopening on March 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30am ribbon cutting ceremony followed by celebration. Please RSVP to 212-781-5700 by Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Ashley – Neighborhood Shoppis is hosting an elderly abuse prevention program.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18am