

CB12 M Aging Committee Minutes
May 12, 2015
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In Attendance

Gloria Vanterpool, Chair
Mary Anderson, Asst. Chair
Elizabeth Lehman
Arlene Schulman
Lorenzo McGougan
Liliana Saneaux excused absence

Public Member

Norma De Candido

Guests: Frank & Ann McCash, Remy Sals, Attain, Cuny/Armory, Laura Whitehorn & David Mattera

Chairperson called meeting at 10:15am

Welcome was extended to all and followed by introductions

Mary Anderson was introduced as a new community board member and will assume the role as assistant chairperson for the committee. Betty Lehman was elected to office as secretary of the Community Board. David Mattera was introduced as a new community board member and is visiting our committee meeting today, before he chooses the committees he wishes to serve on.

Senior Task Force- Boro Pres. M.

The chairperson attended a task force meeting on April 21. A request was made at the March meeting that someone from MTA meet with us and discuss the complaints that were brought to the attention of the Boro President. Among the complaints, lateness, poor communication with dispatcher, routing, delayed reimbursement, unclear grievance procedure and others. A representative from MTA attended the meeting and discussed each issue (complaint) with recommended action. He distributed an instruction memo for future problem resolutions and asked our assistance in distributing this to community residents (namely those persons using access-a-ride).

Attain Lab Cuny/Armory

Mr Remy Salas, Director at the site extended an invitation to senior citizen residents to visit the technology center at the Armory where an assortment of academic and technology courses are offered at no cost. The committee will meet with Mr. Salas for a tour of the facility.

White House Conference On Aging

It was mentioned at our last month's committee meeting, the White House Conference on Aging will take place in July. In the meantime, Regional Forums have met throughout the country, Tampa, Fla., Phoenix, Az., Seattle, Wash. And Cleveland, Ohio. The last one is in Boston, Mass on May 28. A link to be involved: <http://whitehouseconferenceonaging.gov/issues/index>
The topics to be discussed Retirement Security, Elder Justice, Healthy Aging and Long-term Services & Supports.

Community Food Forum

Our committee has participated with the Supermarket Watch Project collecting consumer surveys and advocating for improving our local supermarkets and providing quality produce and affordable prices. A community food forum is planned for **Tuesday, June 16th at 9:30 am** at Isabella Geriatric Center. Invitations were extended to representatives of different city agencies that regulate supermarkets. They will provide information and answer questions about 1) ways that supermarkets are regulated 2) the process for submitting complaints 3) tapping into resources the residents can use from the Department of Consumer Affairs to support residents advocating for improvement of local supermarkets. All are invited

Meeting was adjourned = Next meeting, June 9th