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Seniors & Aging Services

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Josephine Fernandez-Byrne, Committee Chairperson

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Meeting location and transportation concerns.

- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez (Chair) and Mr. Josue Melendez (Bronx Government Affairs Officer)-NYC Department for Aging introduce themselves.
- Concerns about meeting location at Dream School, including lack of accessibility and safety. The District Manager mentioned that Chairperson Alayeto offered free transportation.

Meeting minutes and attendance policy, followed by guest speaker introduction.

- Committee discusses new policy for separating attendance sheet from meeting minutes.

Aging services in New York City, demographics, and program overview.

- Mr. Josue Melendez is the Bronx Inter-Government Affairs Officer for the Department for the Aging.
- Agency provides services and resources for 20% of New York City's older adult population.
- Services include transportation, case management, and the Foster Grandparent Program.

Services for older adults in NYC, including centers, home-based care, insurance, and employment programs.

- Mr. Josue Melendez discusses older adult services in NYC, including centers, home-based services, and additional supplementary resources.
- Mr. Josue Melendez highlights specific services such as elder justice, health insurance, and senior employment programs.

Aging in place and community care for older adults in NYC.

- Mr. Josue Melendez: Community Care Plan aims to keep older adults in their homes.
- Mr. Josue Melendez: Cabinet for Older New Yorkers tackles issues related to older adults.
- Mr. Josue Melendez: Programs combat ageism in high schools and promote intergenerational contact.

Outreach and events for older adults, including a summer fair and social media updates.

- Mr. Josue Melendez discusses contact methods and recent events for an agency.

Transportation and social activities for seniors.

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Transportation issues for seniors, including access to ride and group trips.

- Mr. Josue Melendez discusses transportation issues for seniors in the city.

Transportation options for seniors in the Bronx.

- Unknown Speaker discusses transportation issues for seniors in the Bronx.
- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne asks about specific contractors and their contracts in regards to transportation for seniors.
- Funding and insurance are potential factors in transportation delays.

Aging resources and outreach challenges.

- Mr. Josue Melendez discusses challenges in reaching out to seniors with limited access to resources.
- Mr. Josue Melendez believes more publicity is needed to raise awareness about the agency's services and opportunities.
- The agency occasionally puts out material in the community to promote its services, but there is a lack of knowledge about what they do.

Senior services accessibility and advocacy.

- Member Brenda Goodwin discusses difficulties in accessing social services for an elderly family member.
- Mr. Josue Melendez advocates for more PSAs and outreach to senior centers in NYC.
- Member Brenda Goodwin discusses issues with banks not providing senior-specific services, despite mandate.
- Recommendations include advocacy, legislation, and improving accessibility in community.

Senior services, transportation, and technology access.

- Member Brenda Goodwin & Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne discusses challenges faced by seniors in NYC, including transportation and access to technology.
- Speaker mentions specific programs and services available to seniors, such as free phones and high-speed internet.
- Members emphasize the importance of advocacy and connecting seniors with resources and support.

Financial challenges faced by seniors in the community.

- Unknown Speaker discusses financial challenges faced by seniors in the community.

Educating seniors about fraud prevention and financial protection.

- District Manager Anthony Jordan: TD Bank wants to work with community board and Bronx borough president's office to educate seniors about fraud prevention and financial protection.
- Mr. Josue Melendez: NYPD will be involved in the event, possibly in early July, to provide additional support for seniors.

Elder justice and technology use among seniors.

- The senior liaison officer at every precinct in the city is dedicated to older adult-related matters.

Organizing community events for seniors.

- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne discusses organizing event for seniors, transportation and logistics a challenge.
- Public Member Elena expresses concern about quick turnaround time for event, need for transportation.

Planning activities for seniors at various centers.

- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne discussed coordinating activities for seniors at various centers with the youth committee.
- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne spoke to Dara Espinosa at East Side settlement, who was agreeable to planning activities with the youth committee.

Collaborative event planning between seniors and youth committees.

- The senior and youth committees will collaborate for the first time to plan a date for their centers.
- The seniors and youth will meet separately before coming together for the next step.

Nominations, calendar year suggestions, and meeting adjournment.

- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne nominates Ms. Elena for the position of Committee Vice Chair
- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne seeks suggestions for next calendar year's projects, including TD Bank presentation.

Action Items

Schedule a TD Bank workshop on fraud prevention and financial protection for seniors.

Coordinate planning activities between the CBI Senior Committee and Youth Committee at the East Side Settlement senior center. (Josephine Fernandez Byrne, Youth Committee Chair)

Contact additional senior centers in the district to plan future collaborative activities.

Follow up on transportation services provided to Rincon Center seniors.

Research past transportation for Rincon Center seniors.

Provide copies of presentation materials to committee members.