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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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Seniors Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2009 @ 6:30 PM

Bedford Park Senior Center – 243 East 204th Street

- I. Discussion about the sudden withdrawal of the RFP that would have closed several senior centers and the many suggested cutbacks.
 - A. Future plans of action were discussed to avoid any further plans to diminish services to seniors.
 - B. The deluge of mail and calls to 311 by seniors to our elected officials helped the City Council in their decision to reject the plan to consolidate programs.
 - C. It was decided that senior centers would keep in contact with each other and meet regularly to coordinate any actions needed in the future.

- II. Concern was expressed at the proposed increase in fares for Access-A-Ride trips. These increases and the proposed loss of Bx#34 bus service will cause a great hardship to seniors in CB 7 since it is the only means of travel throughout the community. Most seniors feel trapped in their homes if travel becomes unaffordable.
 - A. The Committee recommends an appeal to our elected officials to keep Access-A-Ride fares at the present level and continued support of #34 bus service.

- III. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM