

January 25th meeting minutes:

Presentations:

1. **Presentation re. Home Sharing Program by Barbara Baer from New York Foundation for Senior Citizens**
 - a. NYFSC's free Home Sharing Program helps link adult "hosts" with extra private spaces in their homes or apartments with appropriate adult "guests" to share their space. One of the match mates must be age 60 or older. The program also serves adult "hosts" age 55 or older, who are interested in sharing with developmentally disabled adult "guests" capable of independent living.
 - b. Average age of participants 72+
 - c. See attached for informational sheets in English and Spanish
 - d. Follow up presentation with United Senior Center of Sunset Park will be held on 2/10 (Thank you Grisel!)
 - e. New York foundation for senior citizens has placed "24 people in the Community Board area over the past years. [we] hope that we will be able to increase the number. "
2. **Presentation by Sam Rosenberg from Reside New York re. 875 4th Avenue Apartments**
 - a. 875 4th Avenue former gas station site. An environmental clean of the site took place. The land was purchased by the developer (Mike Toby) for 53 million.
 - b. Developer received 421 tax abatement credit and height increase on the property. The 421a tax abatement credit allows for 30 percent of the units to be offered via [Housing Connect 2 | Public Portal \(nyc.gov\)](#). See attached for details on income requirements and information on how to apply. (Note: 421a is a public subsidy program that ended last year).
 - c. 152 units in total
 - i. 107 units will be market rate – with 2 bedroom market rate apartments rent going for ~5K a month.
 - ii. 45 units are offered via housing connects (30 percent),
 1. 23 units of the units offered via housing connects are allocated to CB7
 - a. At 80 percent of the AMI, there are three studios with a monthly rent of \$1,473 for incomes ranging from \$53,863 to \$85,440; 18 one-bedrooms with a monthly rent of \$1,571 for incomes ranging from \$58,732 to \$96,080; and six two-bedrooms with a monthly rent of \$1,876 for incomes ranging from \$72,480 to \$115,280.
 - b. At 130 percent of the AMI, there are three studios with a monthly rent of \$2,050 for incomes ranging from \$70,286 to \$138,840; 11 one-bedrooms with a monthly rent of \$2,400 for incomes ranging from \$82,286 to \$156,130; and four two-bedrooms with a monthly rent of \$2,975 for incomes ranging from \$102,000 to \$187,330.
 - c. AMI bands at 130 percent were approved by HPD however the developer noted that they are offering lower AMI bands than

what was approved by HPD (NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development)

2. Applications must be postmarked or submitted online no later than **February 20, 2023**, via [Housing Connect 2 | Public Portal \(nyc.gov\)](#).

3. Discussion re. Next steps:

- a. Committee would like to host a roundtable conversation with elected officials re. affordable housing on 2.28.23. Jeremy Laufer mentioned that the HPD housing Czar can also be invited to attend. Other elected officials to potentially invite include:

- i. Reynoso – Brooklyn Borough President
- ii. Aviles – City Council
- iii. Mitaynes – State Assembly
- iv. Goldman – Congress
- v. John Santore to draft agenda and plan to be finalized and discussed further at our next meeting on 2.7.23.

1. Proposed questions from John Santore to raise during 2.28 meeting:

- Invite all SP elected officials (Mayor, BP, Congress, State Senate, Assembly, Councilperson)
- Send a list of questions to them in advance, ask them to respond in advance in writing, and then discuss their answers at the meeting

Suggested questions to ask elected officials:

- Is affordable housing in SP an issue? Why or why not?
- Should we try to build more units in SP? Why or why not? If yes...
 - What are 10 locations where affordable housing could be built in the neighborhood? ([Santore's list in Sunset Park is here](#))
 - How can the public get control of that land?
 - How can these projects be funded?
 - What are five examples of successful affordable housing creation in NYC, and who made it happen?
 - What is the role of elected officials in making it happen?
 - What is the role of the public in making it happen?
 - How many new affordable apartments does SP need? How much does each one cost? [Here is an article](#) saying NYC is spending \$500,000 on each new affordable unit. Does this mean that if SP needs 1,000 new units, we need \$500 million for new construction?
 - Can we reduce the per unit cost of new housing? If so, how?

- Should we try to preserve affordable units in SP? Why or why not? If yes...
 - What are specific ways to do this?
 - What is the role of elected officials in making it happen?
 - What is the role of the public in making it happen?
- Should we be encouraging home ownership? Why or why not? If so, under what conditions?

Agenda for 2.7.22 meeting

Presentations:

- 1. NYC Voluntary Cleanup Program for 179 22nd Street (20 min)**
 - Shaminder Chawla, Deputy Director, NYC Office of Environmental Remediation

- 2. Presentation from Right to Counsel Coalition (20 min)**
 - **VOTE REQUIRED:** Right to Counsel Coalition is seeking support of the Right to Counsel Resolution seeking to provide free legal representation for all tenants facing eviction and small landlords facing foreclosure.

Planning Ahead:

- 1. Review and finalize next steps for Feb 28th meeting (30 min)**
- 2. Future engagement (20 min)**



**NEW YORK FOUNDATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
RESPITE CARE PROGRAM
11 Park Place, Suite 1416
New York, New York 10007
(212) 962-7559**

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM?

The Respite Care Program provides affordable Home Attendants for elderly persons whose care is dependent upon relatives and others who require short-term relief from those responsibilities. Trained Home Attendants can provide temporary care for elderly persons in need of services when their caregiver is away on a business trip or vacation, attending to personal needs or becomes ill. Services provided include: Personal care, meal preparation, shopping escort services, assistance with light housekeeping and laundry. Respite care can also assist elderly persons who require temporary help following hospitalization. Home Attendants are closely trained and supervised by professional social work staff.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR RESPITE CARE?

Applicants for the Respite Care Program must have health problems, be 60 years of age and older and who reside in one of the five boroughs of New York City.

WHAT IS THE COST FOR RESPITE CARE?

This program makes it possible for New York Foundation for Senior Citizens to serve as a job referral source for Home Attendants for the frail elderly and their caregivers at the lowest hourly rates. The hourly rates for the Home Attendant services are \$17.00 on weekdays and \$17.25 on weekends, plus round-trip carfare, for a one person household. For a multiple person household, hourly rates are \$18.00 per hour on weekdays and \$18.25 per hour on weekends, plus \$5.50 per day carfare. Home Attendants work independently as private contractors for RespiteCare Program clients.

Rates may increase slightly depending on the type of care required. Services are provided for minimum of 2 days per week, 4 hours per visit for a maximum period of up to three months per year. Payments shall be made directly to the Home Attendant via cash or check daily or at the end of each work week.

FREE EMERGENCY/EXTENDED HOURS OF RESPITE CARE provides temporary in-home care for caregivers of the frail elderly who experience a sudden inability to provide care on weekdays after 5 p.m., weekends, holidays and in emergencies by Certified Home Health Aides at **no charge**. Priority for this service is given to caregivers who are providing assistance to frail elderly with annual incomes of \$40,000 or less.

HOW DOES ONE APPLY?

For further information or to apply please call (212) 962-7559, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9am – 5pm, and ask for the Respite Care Social Worker. Free language interpretation/translation service available.

Do you have an extra room in your home?

Our free Home Sharing Program can help!

- 40 years of safely matching older adults
- Social workers screen and carefully find the right match
- In partnership with the NYC Department for the Aging

Why do Home Sharing?

- Extra income
- Companionship
- Help with chores



The New York Foundation for Senior Citizens is your trusted partner

- We do comprehensive, confidential screening and **SAFE** matching
- We provide assistance with negotiating the home sharing arrangements
- We provide referrals to other social service programs
- We do check-ins to ensure your satisfaction

Interested? (It's free!)

Call us at 212 962-7559 or visit HomeSharingNYC.org



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¿Tiene una habitación extra en su casa?

¡Nuestro programa gratis, Home Sharing, puede ayudarlo (a)!

- 40 años de experiencia en emparejamiento de adultos mayores
- Nuestros trabajadores sociales cuidadosamente encuentran el emparejamiento adecuado
- En alianza con NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA)

¿Por qué participar en Home Sharing?

- Ingreso extra
- Compañerismo
- Ayuda con las tareas del hogar



El New York Foundation for Senior Citizens es su compañero de confianza

- Hacemos una evaluación exhaustiva y confidencial y un emparejamiento **SEGURO**
- Brindamos asistencia para negociar los arreglos del emparejamiento
- Brindamos referencias a otros programas de servicios sociales
- Hacemos check-ins para asegurar su satisfacción

¿Está interesado/a? ¡Es gratis!

Llámenos al 212 962-7559 o visítenos en HomeSharingNYC.org



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