

Community Board 9 Health / Environment Committee
February 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Rev. G. Morgan Thomas, Chair; C. Gilmore; R. Miller; W. Simpkins; C. Singleton
Committee Members Absent: C. Cooper; P. Lewis
Public: Glenn McAnanama, Borough President's Solid Waste Advisory Board; Christina Salvi, Council on Environment of NYC

A quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chair, Rev. Morgan-Thomas at 6:40pm. C. Singleton moved to accept the minutes of the December meeting, seconded by C. Gilmore.

Old Business:

1. Health Fair. Wilson Major Morris Community Center, on 152nd Street between Amsterdam and Convent Avenues, has committed to host the health fair for May 1, 2010. They will provide volunteers. The Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Futures van will be present at no cost to us. Touro College will participate. St. Luke's, the Ryan Center have not yet responded. Dr. Williams will also participate.
2. CERT. Must have 30 people signed up for an Upper Manhattan class to be held. Chair Morgan Thomas will ask to have Carole Singleton placed on the Board Meeting agenda for February 18, 2010 to solicit participants in the 10-week training course. CB9's CERT group meets on the 4th Sunday of the month. We will hold a forum on March 13, 2010 for CB9.

Guests:

1. Christina Salvi, Council on the Environment of New York City. Her program is the office of recycling outreach and education. Funded by the city to improve the recycling rate city-wide, especially in neighborhoods where rates are lower than the city average. About 14% of all garbage in CB9 is recycled. Goal is to double this rate if more people participated. Have been working in Harlem, East Harlem, Washington Heights, and Inwood. What are the obstacles to more people recycling? Many programs that they offer to reduce waste and raise awareness. Offer workshops for buildings, community groups, etc. In East Harlem they hosted "Seminars for Supers" that spoke to many issues including recycling, bedbugs, street trees, roaches, etc. There is also a new law requiring that electronics not be thrown out in the regular trash. Website is www.cenyc.org/oroe.
2. Glenn McAnanama, Borough President's Solid Waste Advisory Board, updated the committee on several initiatives including electronics recycling, battery recycling, etc. We discussed Greenmarkets and agreed that this topic would be worthy of discussion at our next meeting.

New Business:

1. Chair Morgan-Thomas briefed the committee on several organizations who work on bedbug issues in CB9.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. Next meeting will be held on March 9, 2010.

Submitted by W. Simpkins.