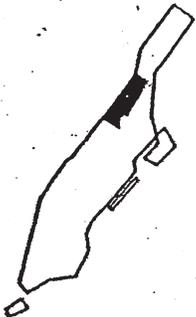


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TUESDAY, April 7, 2009****Committee Members in Attendance:** Ernestine Welch, Chair; Cora Gilmore**Public Members in Attendance:** G. Marilyn Alexander; Laenoria Conyers;
Inez Woodhouse; Ruther Miller; Vanisha Taylor; Viola Rhods**Committee Member (s) Excused:** Georgiette Morgan-Thomas**Public Members Excused:** Sophie Johnson;**Public Member (s)****Other Attendees:** Bessie Davis, Virginia Lee, Ruth Lewis, Amsterdam Adult Day Care, Geneva T. Bain, District Manager CB#10M, Yvonne Hazel, Dothe Rudy, Wanda L. Capan, William Landers, Sarah Martin, Florence Rice, Norma Gomez, Shirley Saxton, Social Security Administration, Carmen Perez, U.S. Census Bureau, Corey Ortega, Assemblyman Keith Wright's Office, Tiffany Alston, Site Manager, George Bruce Library.The meeting was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at the George Bruce Library, 518 West 125th Street, New York, 10027.**Ernestine Welch**, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M; congratulated Ms. Rice about her surprised 90th Birthday Party and welcomed everyone.

The Agenda was adopted as it is and minutes were adopted with any necessary corrections, which may be submitted to CB#9 district office at a later date.

Commentary:**Ms. G. Marilyn Alexander**, read a poem by Paul Steinbur

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Reports:

Geneva T. Bain, District Manager, Community Board No. 10 Manhattan stated that there were enormous amount of complaints from constituents regarding Postal Services such as long lines and time frame standing; availability of senior/disabled window and seating for seniors in the area (Manhattanville, Colonial Park and College Point Post Offices. She reached out to elected officials in the area and circulated a Petition in the community (see attached.)

Corey Ortega, Special Assistant, Assemblyman Keith Wrights' Office stated that the New York State legislators are working on the following bills:

- New York State for the Aging Prescription Drug Saving Card; Income level 35,000 singles and 50,000 couples and reduction on drugs 60% generics and 30% brand.
- Tax Credit for New York State renters.
- No Fare – MTA and LIRR for 65 years and older.

Highlights on NYS Budget:

- 30% increase on public assistance grant
- Retain the budget as it is on Youth Employment Programs.

Carmen Perez, Representative, U.S. Census Bureau cited that the Census Bureau made changes as follows:

- This is year is only using a short form consist of 7-10 questions depending on family composition.
- The long form (American Community Survey) will be sent to randomly selected households and will be conducted often.

Action Item:

A motion was made to present the Postal Services issue to Executive Committee for CB#9 to create its own petition and to be circulated in the community

Vote: 13-0-1

Announcements:

- Friends of Riverbank State Park will meet Saturday, April 11, 2009, 10:00 A.M.
- Summer Youth Employment in conjunction with NYCHA applications are available at CB9 District Office.

Follow-Up:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Note: The next meeting is Tuesday, May 5, 2009, George Bruce Library, 518 West 125th St

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Half an Hour Wait for a Book of Stamps or a Money Order?

Harlem Residents deserve better service from our Post Offices.

We, the undersigned, demand that **Manhattanville (10027), College Point (10030), and Colonial Park (10039) Post Offices** acknowledge community needs and takes immediate steps to reduce customer inconvenience by: **Increasing staffing** during peak usage periods, **Reinstalling stamp vending machines**, **Installing a dedicated senior/disabled window**, and **Installing /More seating** for seniors/ disabled waiting area.

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Please return completed petitions to Community Board 10 by **April 2nd**
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