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**COMMUNITY BOARD #9, MANHATTAN**

**SENIORS ISSUES COMMITTEE  
 MINUTES  
 TUESDAY APRIL 5, 2005**

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*The Seniors Issues Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Community Board No.9 Manhattan, 565 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10027*

**COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:**

*Sylvia Robinson, Co-Chair  
 Ernestine Welch, Acting Co-Chair  
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 Cora Gilmore*

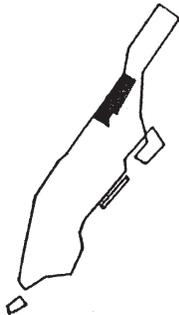
**PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*G. Marilyn Alexander*

**ATTENDANCE:**

*Gwendolyn Nichelson, Inez H. Woodhouse, Edith C. Drake, Jewel Johnson, Juliette Gordon, Wanda L. Capan, S. Brooker, Assemblyman Wright's Office, V. Arbouin, Watson Hines III, Jeanette Flyod, Gloria Stevens, Priscilla C. Patten, Christine Coleman, Dothe Rundolph, Nancy Wright, Frances Bridges, Verna Arthur, DFTA.*

The Agenda and the minutes were accepted with additional information.



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Ms. Sylvia Robinson, Co-Chair called the meeting to Order at 10:00 A.M. and introduced Ms. Ernestine as a new Co-Chair until further notice.

Ernestine Welch reported that the CB#9 Board Chair appointed her as Acting Co-Chair of this committee to replace the late Sadie Winslow who served for many years as Chair and Co-Chair of this committee. She acknowledged the deep loss to the committee and pointed out that Sadie Winslow will not be forgotten; she will continue to be with us as we strive to maintain the programs she initiated and foster other programs to improve the quality of life for Seniors.

Ms. G. Marilyn Alexander mentioned last month's poetry Reading which she dedicated to Sadie Winslow while she was ill in the hospital and our best wishes for her recovery to health and remembered reviewing the Renaissance pictures with her. Ms. Alexander then gave a Reading presentation of the poem entitled "Little Brown Boy"

Mr. S. Brooker, Assemblyman Keith Wright's Office introduced himself as the Assemblyman's Representative assigned to the Seniors Issues Committee. He will be attending our meetings, and will strive to resolve complaints and problems raised by the Committee.

He stated the Committee's request for a free transportation for Seniors State Bill has been filed but he is unable to report its status at this time but will report on the Bill's progress at the next meeting. The Bill filed is #2090 for free transportation for Seniors 65 years and older, on weekday and weekends between the hours of 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. It is expected that he will be able to get clarification on this matter when Assemblyman Wright returns from Albany on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005. He may be reached at (212) 866-5809

Ms. Verna Arthur, Department For The Aging, mentioned that on behalf of the DFTA requested a moment of silence for Ms. Winslow and stated that she was unable to attend the memorial service due to other commitments. She mentioned the upcoming Senior Event, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Flushing Meadows, Corona Park in Queens, and urged all to attend.

### Suggestions:

- (a) Need information from DFTA about insurance, medication and rent subsidy.

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- (b) Need free transportation to attend **Age In Action Event on May 11<sup>th</sup> at Flushing Meadow, Corona Park in Queens.**
- (c) Ms. Verna Arthur, Director of Community Outreach direct telephone is (212) 442-1292.
- (d) Need to contact Linda Black regarding Access A Ride and it's policy, which requires seniors to go to mandatory office appointments.
- (e) Ms. Arthur mentioned that Senior Committee should host a Health Fair and invite Social Security, Department For The Aging, Department of Health, etc and request the pharmaceuticals, private companies to sponsor the event.

### **Announcement:**

- (a) On Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. all are invited to activities at Riverbank State Park and also invited to participate in swimming classes.
- (b) Assemblyman Wright has proposed a Bill for Energy Assistant Program to assist the disabled and seniors to buy Air Conditioners.
- (c) On Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> Harlem Hospital is hosting Foot Care meeting at 5:30 P.M. refreshments will be served.

### **Action:**

- (a) After many months of discussion and exploring the possibilities of carrying out a suggested luncheon to be sponsored by this committee and the full Board, the luncheon was cancelled as projected for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005. This decision was made after it was agreed that there is need for complete planning and organization for such a luncheon to be executed.

**PREPARED BY: HLEZIPHI ZITA, COMMUNITY ASSISTANT**