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COMMUNITY BOARD #9, MANHATTAN
SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

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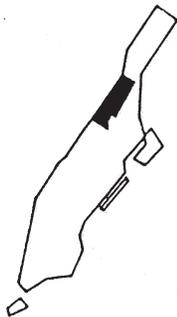
The Seniors Issues Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at Community Board No.9 Manhattan, 565 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:

Sylvia Robinson, Co-Chair
Laenoria Conyers (Excused)
Cora Gilmore
Ernestine Welch,
Sadie Winslow- Co-Chair

ATTENDANCE:

Bessie Davis, Effie Scott, Gisele Guerre, G. Marilyn Alexander, Lucille Bordie, Wanda L. Capan, Edith C. Drake, Inez H. Woodhouse, Ruther J. Miller, Herbert Crews, Rosalie Bynum, W. Frances Mack.



Ms. Sylvania Robinson and Ms. Sadie Winslow the Co-Chairs called the meeting to Order at 10:25 A.M.

Ms. Sadie Winslow mentioned that the minutes needed to be sent out before the next monthly meeting.

Mr. McClean, District Manager stated that due to budgetary reasons minutes would not be mailed out before the monthly meeting.

The Agenda was adopted and the minutes were accepted with any necessary corrections.

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Ms. G. Marilyn Alexander is one of our exceptional community activities who is proactive and active in the community. Ms. Alexander has love for history and poetry and sharing her knowledge. She mentioned the following outstanding black writers and also stated their dedication in passing. She stated that writer Mayfield and other black writers started a Harlem Writers Guild. Ms. Alexander read a poem by Maya Angelo.

Ms. Robinson asked the members of the seniors committee to sign up for the Lott Living Assisted Residence Tour.

Reports:

Detective Page, 30th Precinct Community Affairs mentioned that Identity Theft is on the rise. Identity Theft is not only happening to seniors but to everybody. She stated that people needed to be more cautious about how to use their personal identification. The following are ways how your information can be stolen:

1. How you put your pocket book
2. How you put your purse
3. How you discard your mail
4. By changing your address through the post office change of address form.

Detective Page stated that you must be concerned if you don't receive your bills. Call the companies' etc. whom you receive bills from. She encouraged seniors to invest in a shredder.

The following are the questions that you need to ask if someone asked your Social Security Number:

- [a] Why do you need my Social Security Number?
- [b] How my Social Security Number will be used?
- [c] What will happen if I don't give you my Social Security Number?

Caution: Don't give your last four digits of your Social Security Number.

She advised that checking your credit once a year would give you a sense of what is going on with your personal business.

Note: Checking your credit often will reduce your points.

The following are credible credit bureaus.

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1. **Equifax**
P.O. Box 740241
Atlanta, GA 30374-0241
(800) 685-1111
2. **Experian (formerly TRW)**
National Consumer Assistance Center
P.O. Box 2002
Allen, TX 75013
(888) 397-3742
3. **Trans Union Corp.**
760 W. Sproul Road
Springfield, PA 19064-0390
(800) 888-4213

Suggestion:

Ms. Winslow mentioned that there is a need for a volunteer

Old Business:

Mr. Herbert Crews stated that the letter to Governor Pataki should be sent elected officials and needed a follow up on and expect a response. He mentioned that the MTA Senior Advisory Committee amended the letter that went to Governor Pataki.

PREPARED BY: HLEZIPHI ZITA, COMMUNITY ASSISTANT