

**SENIORS ISSUES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11 2005**

*Hamilton Grange.....Manhattanville Housing  
Jackie Robinson..... Wilson Major Morris  
Manhattanville Development.....Mannie Wilson Towers*

*The Seniors Issues Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at Community Board No.9 Manhattan, 565 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10027*

**COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:**

*Sadie Winslow- Co-Chair  
Sylvia Robinson, Co-Chair  
Laenoria Conyers  
Cora Gilmore  
Ernestine Welch*

**PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*G. Marilyn Alexander  
Herbert Crews*

**ATTENDANCE:**

*Edith C. Drake, Inez H. Woodhouse, Nancy Wright, Wanda L. Capan, Laura Peoples, Women Building Futures, Inc., Juliet Howard, Women Building Futures, Inc., Viola Rhods, Lucille Boddie, Gloria Stevens, Shirley Saxton, Rosie Eugene, Dotte Rudy, Eunice Flemister, Rebecca L. Miller, Bessie Davis, Rosalia Bynum, Ruther L. Miller, Elizabeth Wright.*

Ms. Sylvia Robinson, Co-Chair called meeting to Order and welcomed everyone.

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The Agenda was adopted.

**Ms. G. Marilyn Alexander** stated that there is celebration of Black History all over the country. Blacks made a contribution to the country, United States of America and mentioned we celebrate the future to come. Black History is from corner to corner and is in the homes too. Ms. Alexander elaborated more about people who shaped Black History and immensely sacrificed their lives for freedom. She dedicated this poem "----" to seniors, Community Board No. 9 and to all black people.

**Ms. Laura Peoples and Juliet Howard, Women Building Futures Inc.**, mentioned that they facilitate and run different types of workshops throughout the five boroughs. We bring financial intelligence for older adults and seniors. Our workshops teach financial tools that will lead to more financial stability or security. The following are topics in the workshops: Investments (mutual funds, stocks, bonds) and savings. They want to bring clarity about investing your money because there is a myth that huge amount of money is needed to invest. There are financial tools that you can invest in as low as \$50.00.

**Ms. Rebecca Millier, Public Advocate Office**, explained that the Public Advocate was established as an independent agency. The main responsibility of the public advocate is to monitor the entire city administration regarding delivery of services and to oversee other city agencies. She stated that the Ombudsman Office assist in taking complaints and following up with the agency involved. There is a Senior Action Hotline that was developed by senior citizens. The Public Advocate is against the new contract by Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels used to serve meals on a daily services and now it will be once a week and the meals are frozen need to be microwave. Regarding SCRIE the office is working on expanding the income level so that senior citizens can qualify for SCRIE. Ms. Miller mentioned that the office has a senior guide and at the present moment is online. She also stated that the Public Advocate has no budget.

**Ms. Shirley Saxton, SSA** mentioned that Identity Theft is in the rise and people need to protect their Social Security Number. Most victims of identity theft lost or gave their social security numbers or their last four (4) digit numbers of the social security. She stated that it takes long and hard to solve the problem.