

SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2006

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

The Seniors Issues Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 7th, 2006 at Community Board No.9 Manhattan, 565 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ernestine Welch, Co-Chair
Carlotta Damanda, Co-Chair
Laenoria Conyers
Cora Gilmore

PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:

G. Marilyn Alexander

ATTENDANCE:

Carmen Perez, Assemblyman Wrights' Office, Sophie Johnson, Luis Aguas, Bessie Davis, Inez W. Woodhouse, Patricia Lewis, Edith C. Drake, Virginia Lee, Melody Lespre, Watson Hines, Florence Rice, Lucille Boddie, Helen Thomas, Joyce Garnett, Gisele Guerre, Manuel Figuora, Ruther J. Miller, Mr. Myers, Councilwoman Dickens' Office, Valda Arbouin, William Landers, Mr. James de Jogh, City College, Dothe Rudolph, Anita Ross.

Co-Chair Ernestine Welch called the meeting to Order at 10:25 A.M. welcomed Everyone and announced that former Co-Chair, Sylvia Robinson has resigned from the board. Welcome Mr. James de Jogh, Director of Black Studies at City College.

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

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Commentary:

Ms. G. Marilyn Alexander gave a brief history of Ms. Coretta Scott King.

Reports:

James de Joghn, Director of Black Studies at City College mentioned that Black History month began in the 1920's with Carter Woodson, when joined with some of the Fraternity Brothers. He stated that February is Lincoln's, Frederick Douglas, and Langston Hughes birthdays. Malcolm X was assassinated in February now the passing of Ms. Coretta King. By the 1960 Black History month was called Negro History Week. Then came the Civil Rights movement and Black History Week became Black History Month. He mentioned that February was the only month people celebrate Black History and it is a terrible thing because there are several important histories of black events that took place throughout the year.

Carmen Perez, Assemblyman Wright's Office stated that the Assemblyman would be hosting a town hall meeting, Friday, February 10, 2006, St. Mary's Church at 6:00 P.M. The New York City Housing Authority, Housing Police PSA6, 26th Precinct, and Harlem Legal Services were invited. The following will be addressed at the meeting:
Force eviction, crime rate and services not being rendered, e.g. repairs etc. Ms. Perez mentioned that she could be reached at (212) 866-5809 for SCRIE information and application (s).

Lawrence McClean, District Manager, CB#9 stated that Congressman Rangel's representative would come to the March meeting to address the Postal Services issue.

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