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COMMUNITY BOARD #9, MANHATTAN

SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ernestine Welch, Chair, **Present**
Cora Gilmore, **Present**
Georgiette Morgan-Thomas, **Present**
Donitra Clemens, **Excused**

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT

Luzella Ratliff
Linda Guy, Senator Perkins' Office
Alicia Gholson
Gisele Guerre
Sarah Martin, Grant House's Tenants Assoc.
Verna Arthur, DFTA
Deborah M. Randall
Shirley Saxton, SSA

PUBLIC MEMBERS:

G. Marilyn Alexander, **Excused**
Wanda Capan, **Present**
Laenoria Conyers, **Present**
Bessie Davis, **Present**
Ruther Miller, **Present**
Sophie Johnson, **Present**
Virginia Lee, **Present**
Ruth Lewis, **Present**
Dothe Rudolph, **Present**
Inez Woodhouse, **Present**
Vannisha Taylor, **Present**

The meeting was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at the George Bruce Library, 518 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027

Chair Ernestine Welch called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.

Agenda and minutes were adopted with any necessary corrections or additions.

Corrections to the January 5th minutes – Gisele Guerre was present. The District Manager, Eutha Prince explained in detailed that CB9M is in a process of looking for space because the 565 West 125th building has been turned to a Housing Development Fund Corporation (HDFC).

Commentary:

Associate Director, Ruth Lewis stated that in celebration of the Black History Month, the Amsterdam Adult Day Care is commemorating famous African American musicians; seniors; inventors; medical professionals; and politicians.

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Reports:

Department For The Aging Projects/Programs

- Catherine Giblin, LCSW, Director Assigned Counsel Project and Social Work Education Initiative stated that the Assigned Counsel Project is running in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens. The ACP will be expanding into the Bronx and Staten Island in the very near future. Older adults facing eviction are assigned a social worker/social work intern and free legal counsel to assist them in facing such a challenging crises situation; cases are referred by Housing Court Judges/Court Attorneys exclusively.
- Verna Arthur advised that the Caregivers Program dateline request for proposals has been extended to March 2nd and all interested parties can apply. For additional information please check the DFTA's web site at www.nyc.gov/aging.

Old Business:

- Sarah Martin, Grant Houses Tenant's Association, gave an updated that the Ad-Hoc Committee met with Director Maria Lopez, New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Greening Program regarding the Senior Reading Garden project. Director Lopez will take a look at the project proposal and will respond within two weeks.
- Shirley Saxton, Social Security Association reported that cost of living adjustment (COLA) is decided by the government; consumer price index at the third quarter of the year before. If there is a rise in expenditure, then cost of living is granted. She explained difference regarding taxation and going over the threshold between people who retired, working, receiving Social Security Income and those who are retired, receiving retirement income and Social Security Income.
- Reverend Morgan-Thomas, re: Consumer project - stated that was awaited feedback from the committee on stores that needed to be targeted and send a letter regarding the disparity in prices.

Announcement:

- Linda Guy, Senator Perkins' Office reported that Senator Perkins met with Senator Diaz, Chair of the Aging Committee to jointly host a Town Hall meeting, Tuesday, April 1, 2010 at the State Building – need assistance from Community Board No. 9 Manhattan to co-sponsor the event.
- Dr. Vicky Gholson stated in celebration for "Black History Month" Florita Restaurant donated food.

Adjournment: 12:30 P.M.

Note: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at the George Bruce Library

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