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COMMUNITY BOARD #9, MANHATTAN

**SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2006**

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The Seniors Issues Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2006 at Community Board No.9 Manhattan, 565 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027

Lawrence T. McClean
District Manager

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:

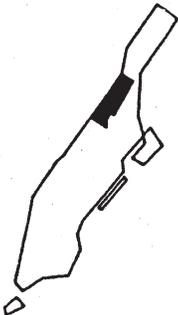
G. Marilyn Alexander
Herbert Crews (Absent)
Nazarene Robinson (Absent)

ATTENDANCE:

Carmen Perez, Assemblyman Wrights' Office, Sophie Johnson, Mary McCune, Harlem Legal Services, Alex Birdsall, Luis Aguas, Tenants Association, Inez W. Woodhouse, Eunice Flemister, Amsterdam Adult Day Care, Valda Arbouin, William Landers, Eric Whilby.

Acting Co-Chair Ernestine Welch called the meeting to Order at 10:25 A.M. welcomed everyone and said "Happy and Healthy New Year." Thanked the speaker, Ms. McCune to make an effort to be present and stated that Co-Chair Sylvia Robinson has an appointment and unable to attend the meeting.

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



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Corrections:

(a) Under Ms. Alexander, the sentence should read as follows: **Ms. Marilyn Alexander** mentioned that writer Nikki Giovanni wrote a book dedicated to Rosa Parks. She also read a love poem by Nikkie Giovanni.

(b) **Ms. Gisele Guerre** stated that Beth Israel Hospital was fined 72 Million dollars by Mr. Garcia, U.S. Attorney for extortion on Medicare.

Special Reading

Ms. G. Marilyn Alexander read a speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered at the 100 Anniversary Celebration of Dr. W.E.B Dubois, February 23rd, 1968 at Carnegie Hall.

Reports:

Ms. Mary McCune, Harlem Legal Services introduced Alex Birdsall a Law student interning for the month with the organization. She cited that Tenants Rights depends on the type of housing you reside in. Harlem is a neighborhood in transaction, especially in Board No. 9.

Regulated Building – has more than six (6) dwellings and depending how long you stayed, you can be Rent Controlled or Rent Stabilized. Rent Stabilized you'll get a renewal lease for one or two years. The Board of Directors administers Co-op and you don't own the apartment but have share in the building. Public Housing is regulated by the Federal Laws. June 2006 there will be a public hearing for Rent Stabilized and Rent Controlled buildings for BMR Increment (Fuel Cost) Tenants can challenge the MBR Increment by contacting DHCR if there are number of times they did not receive heat or services in the building. DHCR will investigate the situation and the landlord won't be able to increase the rent.

Ms. Carmen Perez, Assemblyman Wright's Office mentioned that seniors along with Grant and Manhattanville Houses Tenants Association met with Councilman Robert Jackson regarding the re-opening of the Manhattanville Clinic. There were suggestions from seniors and Tenants Association about bringing the Geriatric Services to the Clinic. Ms. Perez stated that a site visit plan into the Center is underway and would inform the Senior Issues Committee of the date said visit.

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