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TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2006

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The Seniors Issues Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2006 at
 Community Board No.9 Manhattan, 565 West 125th Street, New York, NY
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COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ernestine Welch, Co-Chair
 Cora Gilmore
 Patricia Lewis

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

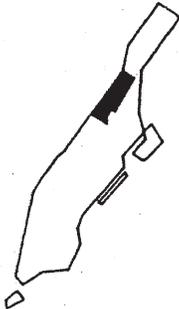
Georgette Morgan-Thomas

PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:

G. Marilyn Alexander
 Laenoria Conyers
 Sophie Johnson
 Ruther Miller
 Watson Hines III

ATTENDANCE:

Inez H. Woodhouse, Enita Hinkson, Patricia Lewis, Bessie Davis, Effie Scott,
 Viola Rhods, Edith C. Drake, Wanda L Capan, Eunice Poku, Access A Ride,
 Herbert Crews, Pastor Michael Grattan, Manhattan Pentecostal Church, Patricia
 Grattan, Valda Arbouin, Manuel Figueroa, Naomi Feldman, William F. Ryan
 Community Health Center, Marian Scott, St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital, Dothe
 Rudolph, Gisele Guerre, Pamchetta Francis, Ivy Frazier, Ruther J. Miller,
 Jeannette Floyd, Sarah M. Martin.



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Co-Chair, Ernestine Welch called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M. She welcomed everyone and mentioned that this is the last meeting before summer recess and meetings will resume in September.

Reports:

Marilyn Alexander mentioned that June is Father's Day. America is one of the few countries in the world that officially celebrate this day. In 1916 President Lyndon Johnson signed the proclamation that the first Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Watson Hines cited that he visited Cuba as a journalist to attend the 9th Annual Art Exhibition. He is an art collector and also writes about art. Mr. Hines mentioned that there were 100 artist invited from 36 countries. He has to write two articles regarding the art exhibition before the end of the year. The trip cost him about \$2,500.00 and all arrangements were done through a travel agent in New Jersey.

Eunice Poku, MTA, Access A-Ride stated that Access A-Ride is transportation for people with disabilities. It cost \$2.00 each way and has no limit on how many times you can ride. Access A Ride has 90,000 registered customers and over 12, 000 vehicles. Starting 2007, Access A Ride will implement an Automatic Vehicle Locator to assist in locating the vehicle. Access A Ride has a new President, Mr. Tom Charles who is making changes to improve the service. Ms. Poku encouraged people to call Access A Ride and file complaints by calling (718) 330-3322. Filing complaints will assist Access A Ride to make changes and will improve the service. Applying for Access A Ride an applicant must submit two photos and an application. Then Access Ride will send an applicant to a certifier, Occupational or Physical Therapist to determine the disability.

Marion Scott, St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital mentioned that the Women's Conference was scheduled for May and has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 9, 2006. In order for the hospital to cover the cost a fee of \$20.00 is required but this year seniors can attend for free. The following issues will be discussed; Vascular, HIV/AIDS among seniors and an orthopedic doctor will make a PowerPoint presentation about new technology for hip replacement surgeries. The following Saturday, June 17, 2006 St. Luke's is hosting a free PSA screening. Notification will be sent on future events.

Old Business:

Manuel Figueroa, NYPL Director of Libraries stated that he contacted NYCHA to follow up on the reading garden project. He was informed that NYCHA has possession of the land, to use this land one must;

- (1) Write a proposal and request a dispossession of land from NYCHA
- (2) Write a proposal that has funding in place and request NYCHA to grant a dispossession.

He was advised that putting a proposal with funding in place would stand a chance for NYCHA to grant a dispossession of land. The Cultural Society of New York through a grant in the amount of \$47,750 from Independence Community Foundation under Independence Bank was able to start the reading garden at the Red Hook Library in Brooklyn. He will contact the Cultural Society of New York regarding the reading garden at Bruce Library. There is a 19.8 million budget cuts for Libraries and urge everyone to write letters against the budget cuts.

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Herbert Crews stated that he met with the church ministers concerning drug stores time of operation in our district. They were very interested and signed a petition that is being circulated around. He thanked everyone for assisting with the petition.

Old Business:

General persons volunteered to meet during the summer to update the mailing list.

New Business

Jordi Reyes-Montblanc, Chair, CB9M presented a certification of recognition to a long standing Public Member Ms. G. Marilyn Alexander.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

PREPARED BY: HLEZIPHI ZITA, COMMUNITY ASSISTANT