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**COMMUNITY BOARD #9, MANHATTAN**

**SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007**

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The Seniors Issues Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at Grant Houses Community Room, 75 LaSalle Street, New York, NY 10027

**COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ernestine Welch, Co-Chair  
Patricia Lewis  
Cora Gilmore

**PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marilyn Alexander  
Ruther Miller  
Sophie Johnson  
Laenoria Conyers

**COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:**

Georgette Morgan-Thomas – Excused

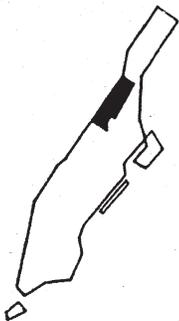
**PUBLIC MEMBER ABSENT:**

Watson Hines III - Excused

**ATTENDANCE:**

Carl Lee, Riverview Towers, Virginia Lee, Inez H. Woodhouse, Anna McKenzie, Gary Melnick, Duane Reade Pharmacy, Arun Patel, Duane Reade Pharmacy, Bessie Davis, Mattie Lawson, Herbert Crews, Effie Scott, Isabelle Louis Juste, CNR Long Term Home Care, Juanita Douglas, Florence M. Rice, Gisele Guerre, Martin Smith, Councilman Jackson’s Office, Julius Tajiddin, Harlem Platform Community, Natalie Bailey, Jackie Robinson Senior Ctr., Vannisha Taylor, Seniors Helping Seniors, Joyce Garnett. Claudia Perkins, Dottie Rudy, Lamar Lovelace, Jeannette Floyd, Eunice Flemister, Amsterdam Adult Day Care, Gloria Stevens.

SERVING HAMILTON HEIGHTS/MANHATTANVILLE & MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS



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Ernestine Welch, Chairperson introduced herself, welcomed everyone and stated that it is Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and meeting at Grand Houses, 75 LaSalle Street.

The Agenda was adopted as written and minutes with any necessary corrections.

**Marilyn G. Alexander** stated that father's days is the primary circular day started by Woodrow Wilson's family in the 20<sup>th</sup> century in celebration of his birthday.

### **Comments:**

Ernestine Welch mentioned that for the first time in many years of advocating to attend the Department For The Aging Annual Senior Event, finally with the help of Councilman Robert Jackson's Office seniors were able to get a van from the Hamilton Grange Senior Center and took thirteen people to the event. Seniors who went enjoyed the event very much. She thanked Ms. Conyers and Vicky Gholson for their assistance in navigating the activities. Also thanked the District Manager, Lawrence McClean for providing the luncheon at a short notice and the staff of Community Board for assisting in coordinating the event.

### **Announcements:**

The National Alliance For the Hispanic Health is providing free exercise vans to seniors throughout the city. If you need the exercise van you can call them at 1-866-783-2645.

### **Reports:**

**Isabella Luis Juste, CNR**, stated that CNR has two nursing homes in Brooklyn and the Bronx and also provides Long-Term Home Care Services. Long-Term Home Care Services are provided to people who have chronic illness or disease – services are rendered at your house as an alternative to going to a nursing home. A home attendant is assigned to assist the client with her daily needs, including a couple of services assigned to a client depending on his/her needs such as nutritionist, social worker, nurse, physical therapist etc. In order to receive the services clients need to have both Medicare and Medicaid.

**Gary Melnick, Duane Reade** introduced other representatives from the chain and thanked everyone for having them. He mentioned that the community's desire to have 24-hour services in this area was well investigated. Duane Reade has three stores in the Upper Eastside and Westside because that's where services are needed. This decision came after a careful experimentation and could not justify the need in Harlem even though the population is growing. As mentioned before that there is training for customer service for employees and so far there is tremendous improvement in stores. The ATM at the Morningside Gardens store will be moved to a suitable place for easy access and all sales items are published in the store paper. Duane Reade has a senior discount program and everyone can ask about it when visiting the store.

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**Julius Tajiddin, Harlem Platform Community** mentioned that there are fraudulent practices affecting seniors in our community. Most seniors are intimidated and oblivious of their rights. He suggested that a moratorium is needed to protect senior citizens rental or owned property.

## **Action Item:**

1. The committee, public members, and community members voted to support the resolution for a moratorium on senior citizens property. Chairperson was authorized to review proposed resolution and, if necessary, to be re-worded by CB#9 Executive Committee to be presented at the June 6, 2007 General Board meeting for adoption.
2. Duane Reade Representative committed to attend the Committee's meeting for update report on complaints presented at this meeting. To be notified of date and place of next committee meeting.
3. A letter of thanks to Grant Houses for use of space by Committee on this date.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M. CB#9 to notify of date and place of next meeting.

**PREPARED BY: HLEZIPHI ZITA, COMMUNITY ASSISTANT**