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COMMUNITY BOARD #9, MANHATTAN

**SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010**Scott Stringer
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District Manager**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**Ernestine Welch, Chair, **Present****Excused**Cora Gilmore, **Present**Georgiette Morgan-Thomas, **Present****OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT**

Miranda Murray, George Bruce Library

Verna Arthur, Dept. For The Aging

Shirley Saxton, Social Security Administration

Florence M. Rice, Tenants' & Landlord Rec.

Gisele Guerre

R. L. Young, Hamilton Grange Senior Center

Zonie Bucknow, Hamilton Grange Senior Center

PUBLIC MEMBERS:

G. Marilyn Alexander,

Wanda Capan, **Present**Laenoria Conyers, **Excused**Bessie Davis, **Excused**Ruther Miller, **Present**Sophie Johnson, **Excused**Virginia Lee, **Absent**Ruth Lewis, **Excused**Dothe Rudolph, **Absent**Inez Woodhouse, **Present**Vannisha Taylor, **Excused**The meeting was held on Tuesday, June 1, 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.

New Business:**Miranda Murray, Senior Librarian, George Bruce New York Public Library**

- Reported that libraries are facing a 37 million budget cuts which will result in ten branches being closed.
- The remaining libraries will be opened 4 days out of 6 a week.
- 736 staff members will be laid off.
- A form letter was distributed for signatures to urge elected officials to stop the budget cuts for libraries.

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Verna Arthur, Director of Community Department For The Aging

- Due to budget cuts 50 Senior Centers throughout the city will be closed – Major Morris Community Center.
- 1,600 seniors will be affected.
- Meals on Wheels which will continue is not affected by the budget cuts.
- Alternate sites and transportation will be provided to seniors.
- DFTA will provide assistance to the closed senior centers and staff members e.g. relocating seniors to alternate sites, and helping the unemployed staff to find other jobs.

Old Business:

Donna Fredericksen, Community Outreach, Access-A-Ride

- Referred to Access-A-Ride guide on;
 - (a) How to utilize and apply for services?
 - (b) What to do with the services e.g. if you have a problem, you need a taxi reimbursement, etc.?
- According to the federal law Para-Transit is required to provide transportation to the public.
- It is imperative that on the day of a trip to double check the time and location of pick-up.
- Continue senior garden planning at Grant Housing next to the George Bruce Library.

Announcements:

- Senior Information Fair June 11th, 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. at Goddard Riverside Drive, between 88 and 89th St and Columbus Avenue.
- Rent Guidelines Forum June 17th, 10:00 AM. – 6:00 P.M. at Cooperstown located on 22nd Street.
- June 1, 2010 Demonstration in Albany against Eminent Domain re: Columbia Expansion.
- Harlem Hospital Center Health Fair Expo, June 27, 2010, 369 Amory located on 5th Avenue and West 142nd Street, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Action Taken:

Agreed to request Board to send letter to Commissioner Lopez, NYCHA, requesting the information to establish the Senior Garden at the NYCHA site located next to the George Bruce Library.

- Senior Garden

Priorities:

- Senior Home Aide Services
- Transportation for a variety of activities to attend meetings within and outside of Board Area.

Adjournment: 12:30 P.M.

Note: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at the George Bruce Library

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