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SENIORS ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES TUESDAY MAY 4TH 2004

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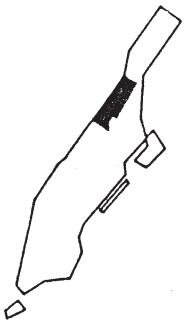
The Seniors Issues Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 4th, 2004 at Community Board No.9 Manhattan, 565 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027



COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Bill Perkins, Former Assemblyman Sullivan, Shirley Saxton, SSA Office, Wanda L. Capan, Anita du Boulay, Inez Woodhouse, Herbert Crews, Bessie Davis, Effie Scott, G. Marilyn Alexander, Nickie Cheng, DFTA office, Viola Rhod, Jeannette Floyd, Edith C. Drake, Theresa Freeman, Realty House, William Landers Rosalia Bynum, Priscilla C. Patten, Luis Aguas, Marian Scott, St. Lukes- Roosevelt Hosp., Gisele Guerre, Dothe Rudolph, Rebecca L. Miller, Public Advocate Office, Ruther J. Miller, Sean Testman, Community Premier Plus Health Plan.

Sadie Winslow, Co-Chair, called the meeting to Order at 10:25 A.M., welcomed everyone and acknowledged Councilman Bill Perkins' presence.

Councilman Bill Perkins introduced Assemblyman Sullivan who recently joined his staff. He mentioned that City Council is in the middle of negotiating the Budget. Seniors had a concern regarding climate situation for the summer month. He stated that his office will be responding to this issue and there will be a forum to address senior issues. The City Council will pass the Budget so that Senior Centers continue to adequately operate. The Council will vote NO to frozen meals. There was a question about Senior Free Transportation. The councilman stated that transportation is a state matter, but he supports the "**Free Transportation For Seniors on During Peak hours.** He mentioned that the Council has a Transportation Committee and suggested that a forum should be held to push the issue.

The Agenda was adopted and Ms. Winslow the Co-Chair requested that the minutes should be mailed out to the members before the next meeting so that seniors can have time to read and make corrections.

Nickie Cheng, DFTA, mentioned that she is substituting for Ms. Verna Arthur who is assigned to this district. She mentioned that she has no information regarding the Budget, but Ms. Arthur has the information. Ms. Cheng made an announcement about the Annual Aging Event and stated that there will be a trolley at the train station to meet seniors and take them to the park. She also cited that there would be tons of give aways and activities.

Rebecca Miller, Public Advocate stated that she would like to present proclamation (s). Ms. Miller read the proclamations and presented them to Ms. Sadie Winslow and Ms. Sylvia Robinson, Co-Chairs of the Senior Issues Committee. Senior Day will be Ms. Sadie Winslow and Ms. Sylvia Robinson Day.

Theresa Freeman, Realty House invited seniors to stop by the Realty House Office to observe and participate. She stated that District Leaders, Joe Haddler and April Tyler should be present and participate since they are due for re election. Ms. Freeman mentioned that elected officials should be actively involved in the community.

Shirley Saxton, SSA, wished everyone a happy "**Mothers Day**". She mentioned that there are misleading adverting from organizations using Medicare and Medicaid. There is a new program under Medicare called Medicare Part D and Social Security Administration will not be involved in the enrolment process. Ms. Saxton advised that seniors should call (800) medicare to find out about Medicare Part D or go online www.medicare.gov and stated that she brought fact sheets about discount card. Ms.

Saxton cited that discount cards will be available at drugs stores and may be even regular stores. Stated that seniors should raise concerns about the new Medicare Bill.

Ms. Francica, Family Nurse, Community Health Education, Harlem Hospital mentioned that it is World Asthma Day and Harlem Hospital is conducting free Asthma testing and given out health information about Asthma. Ms. Francisca stated that Harlem Hospital conducting series of lectures every 1st Thursday of every month and transportation is available for seniors.

Announcement:
[a] There will be a Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education Decision sponsored by Councilman Perkins on May 17th at Harlem Hospital.
[b] The Department For The Aging will be hosting an Annual Aging Event at Fresh Meadows Park in Corona, Queens. All urged to attend.
[c] Friday, May 7th the Washington Heights Anglican Aging Council will be hosting a breakfast meeting from 8:30 – 12:30 at the Isabel Gentries Center, 515 Audubon Avenue at West 190th Street and Congressman Rangel will be addressing the new Medicare Bill.
[d] Tuesday, May 4th The New York Bar Association will be hosting a meeting regarding the new Medicare Bill from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at 42 West 44th Street.

Suggestion:
Seniors requested transportation from the Department For The Aging to attend the Annual event at Fresh Meadows Park.

Action Taken:
Resolution requesting same passed unanimously by those present referred to Board's Executive Committee and full General Board meetings.

PREPARED BY: HLEZIPHI ZITA, COMMUNITY ASSISTANT

THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

In Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Brown Vs. Board of Education Decision

Deputy Majority Leader Bill Perkins and Harlem Hospital

Invite you to attend a Symposium

Brown Versus Board of Education: "How Far Have We Come In Fifty Years?"

Which will include a report from the Task Force On The Lack Of Black Males In Higher Education headed by Dr. Hilda Hutcherson, Associate Dean of Minority Affairs and Diversity at Columbia University and findings from hearings held by the New York City Council Higher Education Committee chaired by Councilmember Charles Barron.

Come join us as we reflect on this landmark Supreme Court decision and engage in dialogue with elected officials, educators and community around this critical issue on

Monday, May 17th, 2004
10:00AM – 2:00PM

at

Harlem Hospital
Martin Luther King Pavilion
506 Lenox Avenue
135th Street & Lenox Avenue
Herbert G. Caves Auditorium, 2nd Floor

RSVP to Councilmember Bill Perkins' Office at 212-662-4440

SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RE: ANNUAL AGE IN ACTION SENIOR MONTH EVENT

Whereas, The Department of Aging schedules an annual event in celebration of Senior Month; and

Whereas, The Department of Aging annual event is always held in Queens; and

Whereas, The Community Board No.9 Manhattan [CB9M] Senior Issues Committee has not been able to attend this annual important event due to lack of adequate Transportation for the residence of CB9M, now therefore be it;

Resolved, That the Department of Aging schedule the Annual Age in Action Event by scheduling the event on a rotation basis in each borough, and be it further;

Resolved, That the Department of Aging provide Transportation for CB9M area residents and other Community Boards for this annual event.