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COMMUNITY BOARD #9, MANHATTAN

**SENIORS ISSUES COMMITTEE
 MINUTES
 TUESDAY MAY 31 2005**

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The Seniors Issues Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2005 at Community Board No.9 Manhattan, 565 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:

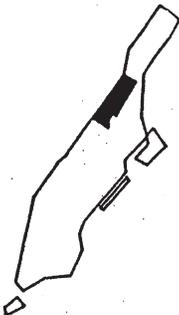
*Sylvia Robinson, Co-Chair
 Ernestine Welch, Acting Co-Chair
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 Cora Gilmore*

PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:

G. Marilyn Alexander

ATTENDANCE:

Inez H. Woodhouse, William Hines III, Mary McCune, Harlem Legal Services, Eunice Flemister, Amsterdam Adult Day Care, Sara Cole, Amsterdam Adult Day Care, Yvonne Scott, St. Luke B.C., Jeanne B. Turner, Samuel G. Taylor, St. Luke B.C., Gwendolyn Nichelson, Wanda L. Capan, Gisele Guerre, Cynthia Doty, Ruth Hyman, Johnnie M. Williams, St. Luke B.C., Minnie Jones, St. Luke B.C., Skip Brooker, Assemblyman Keith Wright, Rafael Escano, NYC Comptroller, Shirley Saxton, Social Security Administration, Rosalia Bynum, Ruther J. Miller, Rebecca Miller, NYC Public Advocate, Ben Edwards, Ruth Joseph, Frezell Williams, L. Ann Rocker, Claudine Perkins, St. Luke B. C., Emma Chapman, Harlem Hospital Health For Success.



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Ms. Sylvia Robinson, Co-Chair called the meeting to Order at 10:00 A.M. and introduced Ms. Ernestine as a new Co-Chair until further notice.

The Agenda was adopted.

G. Marilyn Alexander read a poem written by Pamela Clarke.

Jordi Reyes-Montblanc, Chair of Community Board No. 9 Manhattan Greeted and thanked everyone for coming.

Shirley Saxton, SSA, passed her condolences to the Board on the passing of Ms. Winslow. Wished all a joyous Mother's Day. She also mentioned that she doesn't know about the future of Social Security. Social Security is partly part of the Medicare prescription cost and Social Security will assist on the Medicare prescription cost. Coming May Social Security will be mailing out applications about the Medicare prescription cost. The program is scheduled to start January 2006. Medicare Part A and Part B will be called Part D. There is a \$37.00 Dollars co-payment for your prescription and \$250.00 monthly premium. Ms. Saxton can be reached at (212) 860-6125 if you have any problems regarding social security.

Mary McCune, West Harlem Community Advocacy Partnership stated that they received a grant from Columbia University to assist tenants in District 9 with free legal advise, advocacy on tenants related issues, training on tenants rights or tenants issues and maintaining affordable housing in this area. A flyer was distributed regarding the time, services and the location. (See attached).

Skipper Brooker, Assemblyman Keith Wright's Office stated that a resolution was passed commemorating the life of Ms. Sadie Winslow. (See attached).

Norma Gomez, Director of Jackie Robinson Senior Center mentioned that she was unable to attend the meetings due to the shortage of staff. She is need of an Assistant Director and Assistant Cook. Will try to attend future meetings.

Rebecca Miller, Public Advocate's Office, brought greetings from the public advocate Betsy Gotbaum unable to attend the meeting due to the MTA hearing. Mentioned that there is a Senior Action Hotline started by a volunteer senior. The hotline number is (212) 669-7670 from 9A.M. to 5 P.M.

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Rafael Escara NYC Comptroller's Office mentioned that comptroller William Thompson, Jr. is against the Mitchell Lama privatization issue and the Meal on Wheels, DFTA pilot program that has started in Bronx.

Susan Russell, Councilman Jackson's Office stated that the councilman sends his regards. Councilman Jackson is advocating for senior housing and free legal services for the senior population. The council is negotiating with the Mayor on the City Budget for FY 2006.

Jim Belfon a professional photographer and director of the Photographic of Harlem stated that he is here to offer free photo portraits to seniors.

Announcement:

There will be a Senior's Day Celebration on Sunday, May 8th at 153rd street, Harlem Senior's Garden between St. Nicholas and Amsterdam Avenue.

PREPARED BY: HLEZIPHI ZITA, COMMUNITY ASSISTANT