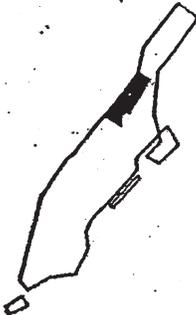


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TUESDAY, May 5, 2009****Committee Members in Attendance:** Ernestine Welch, Chair; Cora Gilmore**Public Members in Attendance:** G. Marilyn Alexander; Inez Woodhouse;
Ruther Miller; Vanisha Taylor; Viola Rhods**Committee Member (s) Excused:** Georgiette Morgan-Thomas**Public Members Excused:** Sophie Johnson; Laenoria Conyers;**Public Member (s)****Other Attendees:** Bessie Davis; Virginia Lee; Anita Lee, Manhattanville Pharmacy; Linda Guy, Senator Perkins' Office; Jennifer Joseph, Henry Street Settlement; Becky Davies; Yvonne Hazel; Miosotis Munoz, Manhattanville Pharmacy; Danna Fredericksen, Access-A-Ride, NYCT; Russ Schmid, Access-A-Ride, NYCT; Shirley Saxton, Social Security Administration, Dothe Rudolph; Verna Arthur, Dept. For The Aging; Ruth Lewis, Amsterdam Adult Day Care Program; Florence Rice; Gisele Guerre; Wanda L. Capan; Honorable Robert Jackson, City Councilmember.The meeting was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at the George Bruce Library, 518 West 125th Street, New York, 10027.**Ernestine Welch**, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M; reminded us that our health and active participation as senior citizens is very important.

The Agenda and minutes were adopted with any necessary corrections, which may be submitted to CB#9 district office at a later date.

Commentary:**Ms. G. Marilyn Alexander**, read a poem in recognition of **Mother's Day** by Howard Johnson

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Announcements:

- On Saturday, May 2, 2009 the corner of West 125th and Amsterdam was co-named after the late Rev. Dr. Al Floyd Alston of the Antioch Baptist Church.
- Visited Sophie Johnson who is doing well. She sent her greetings to all.
- May 7, 2009 Amsterdam Nursing Home is celebrating its 10th Anniversary.
- Ms. Eileen Allen is the new Manager for Manhattanville Post Office.
- The members of the committee nominated Florence Rice to receive a NYC Department For The Aging Senior Citizen State Award.

Reports:

Donna Fredericksen and Russ Schmid, Access-A-Ride, gave an update on the services provided and upgrades on Access-A-Ride motor vehicles; stated that the vehicles are equipped with an Automated Vehicle Locator Monitors, a satellite that locates a vehicle and register the time to alleviate complaints. Access-A-Ride is installing the Automated Call System that will assist in improving services and will be available by the end of 2010.

Jennifer Joseph, Henry Street Settlement Senior Companion Program, cited that the Senior Companion Program is a volunteer program that matches homebound seniors 60 years and older with other seniors in their communities. Established in 1974 and it is a funded by Corporation for National Community Services. The benefits of the program are:

1. Volunteerism
2. Assistance for homebound and isolated seniors

For additional information call (212) 406-5044.

Ruth Lewis, Amsterdam Adult Day Care, announced the following:

- May 7th from 11:00 A.M. Amsterdam Nursing Home is celebrating its 10th Anniversary; elected officials are expected and all are invited.
- May 27th hosting a Health Fair from 11 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Miosotis Munoz, Representative, Manhattanville Pharmacy, stated that is neighborhood pharmacy will better serve the Community and its needs. Statements to justify the needs of the community are attached:

A letter of support to obtain a Medicaid Program contract is requested to provide the services being offered by this pharmacy. The committee and those present voted for the support letter to be referred to Executive Committee of CB#9M.

Action Item:

A motion was made to recommend that a letter of support to be granted on behalf of Manhattanville Pharmacy to obtain the Medicaid Program to the Executive Committee.

Honorable Robert Jackson gave remarks in celebration of the senior's Month and encouraged seniors to come together, listen and participate in issues that are affecting them.

Shirley Saxton, Social Security Administration, wished seniors a happy senior's month and stated that the following:

- The stimulus money will be available in the month of May, if not received after June 4th recipients should call Social Security Administration at (800) 772-1213.
- The Social Security Office on 55 West 125th Street that was closed for spring cleaning it is open to the public again.

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

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