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COMMUNITY BOARD #9, MANHATTAN

**SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011**

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Eutha Prince
District Manager

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ernestine Welch, Chair, Present

Cora Gilmore, Present

Georgiette Morgan-Thomas, Excused

Anthony Fletcher, Present

Tiffany Alston, Present

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT

Larry English, Chair of Community Board 9

Shirley Saxton, Social Security Administration

Joel Balavram, NYS Attorney General's Office

Patricia Lal, NYS Attorney General's Office

Alicia Barksdale, Council Member Jackson's Office

L. Ann Rocker, NRCERB

Zonia Bucknor

Anna McKenzie

Iretha Fletcher

Quentin Fletcher

Joyce Garrett

Gisele Guerre

Lila Hunter

Ellen Riu

Florence Rice

Elva Warren

PUBLIC MEMBERS:

G. Marilyn Alexander, Excused

Wanda Capan, Present

Laenoria Conyers, Present

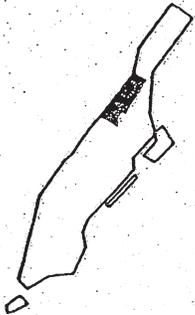
Bessie Davis, Present

Ruther Miller, Present

Virginia Lee, Present

Dothe Rudolph, Excused

Inez Woodhouse, Present



The meeting was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at the George Bruce Library, 518 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027

Chair Ernestine Welch called the meeting to order at 11:20 A.M. and requested that all introduce themselves and announced that we are celebrating our Annual Senior Month at this meeting.

The agenda was adopted as stated and the March minutes were accepted with any necessary corrections submitted to the board office at a later date.

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Presentation:

New York State Attorney General's Office

Joel Balvram, Senior Consumer Frauds Representative stated that the Attorney General's Office is located at the State Building, 163 West 125th Street, 13th Floor and it is open to the public. If one thinks that he/she has been rip-off or cheated, should come to the office and file a complaint; the interns will assist in filing the complaint. The complaints are made into forms and a copy is sent accompanied by a letter to the business involved and when a response is received from the business by the AG's office mediation is conducted between the complainant and the company to resolve the problem. If the office receives from 10 to 15 complaint about the same company the matter is referred to the Attorney Generals' Law Section. The Attorney General's Office represents the people of the state of New York not individuals. The following are the most pressing fraud issues:

- Identity Theft is one of the biggest crimes in the country and the fastest in Harlem
- Sending money by Western Union or Money Gram
- Sending money in order to get a loan
- Letter of congratulations that you won money
- Counterfeit checks.

It is best to use credit over debit card in most instances; balance the credit card to 0 and you won't pay any interest. You can always freeze and unfreeze your credit report - this reduces identity theft. All urged to submit individual complaints to Board Office and NYS Attorney's Office.

Council Member Robert Jackson's Office:

Alicia Barksdale, Community Liaison stated that Council Member Jackson's monthly report is on the table (see attached) and for any complaints her office can be contacted by calling (212) 234-0551; recommended that a resource expo for senior citizen should be conducted twice a year.

Community Board No. 9 Manhattan:

Chairman Larry English thanked Ernestine Welch for her services as Chair of the CB9 Senior Issues Committee. He presented a Committee Certificate of Appreciation to Laenoria Conyers, Public Member (Grant Houses) and Dr. Vicky Gholson, Public and Board Member (DEEL) for their outstanding service to the Senior Issues Committee and community.

Eutha Prince, District Manager, stated that all are welcomed to visit the office; it is located at 16-18 Old Broadway between 125th and 126th Streets. If you have a complaint or need any information you can contact the office at (212) 864-6200.

Tiffany Alston, Site Manager, New York Public Library - George Bruce

gave an update that computer classes are still ongoing for seniors – May 18th; and May 23rd.