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COMMUNITY BOARD #9, MANHATTAN

**SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005**

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The Seniors Issues Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 1st, 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
Laenoria Conyers
Cora Gilmore*

PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:

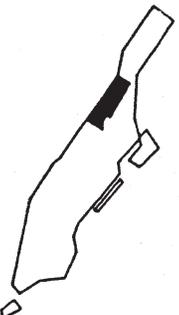
*G. Marilyn Alexander
Herbert Crews (Absent)
Nazarene Robinson (Absent)*

ATTENDANCE:

Bessie Davis, Luzella Ratliff, Watson Hines III, Effie Scott, Jeannette Floyd, Valda Arbouin, Enita Hinkson, Joyce Garrett, Wanda L. Capan, are, Valda Arbouin, Inez H. Woodhouse, Nancy Wright, Eric Whilby, Viola Rhods , Virginia Lee, Lani Sanjek, Edith C. Drake, Gisele Guerre, Patricia Lewis, Jeanne B. Turner, Francis Bridges, Ruther Miller.

Ms. Sylvia Robinson, Co-Chair called the meeting to Order at 10:25 A.M. and congratulated Ms. Rocker together with NYCHA for hosting the Senior Benefit and Medicare Entitlement Fair at Riverbank State Park.

The Agenda was adopted and minutes were accepted with necessary corrections.



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Per the District Manager October Minutes Corrections:

Suggestions:

Dr. Vickie Gholson made presentation re: The Creation of a Reading Garden dedicated to Sadie Winslow, a long term Board Member and Community activist. She proposed the use of the space next to the 125th Street George Bruce Library, owned by NYCHA - that the Committee submit such a proposal to the Board to be referred to Housing Land Use & Zoning and Parks Committees, after Committee action on same.

Agreed - letter of inquiry to be sent to NYCHA

- Proposal to be written proper form

Action:

- (a) Send letter of inquiry to NYCHA re: space next to George Bruce Library
- (b) Request Board letter of congratulations and urge yearly Senior Program as presented on November 6, 2005 at Riverbank State Park.
- (c) Send letter of inquiry re: information on 24 hour Drug Store Services in the upper part of CB #9

Comment:

Florence Rice gave update on her housing problem case still in court - pointed out seniors are being evicted and no one is doing anything about it. Urge Committee to become involved in the Seniors Housing problems.

Ms. G. Marilyn Alexander read a poem by Bay Richards in memory of Rosa Parks.

Ms. Ernestine Welch stated that the following letters were sent out to:

- 1] Ms. Robin Williams, Director of Uptown Dance Academy
- 2] Mr. Gary Melnick, Customer Services Duane Reade - regarding 24hr services.
- 3] New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) inquiring about the land next to George Bruce Library.

Ms. Lani Sanjek stated that her organization fought hard for the government to add prescription drug program. She mentioned that in order to be eligible for the Medicare Part D Program you must be enrolled in a private plan. The drug and insurance industries designed the program. Official enrollment starts November 15, 2005 through May 15, 2006.

Mr. Lawrence McClean, District Manager reported that he and **Sylvia Robinson, Committee Co-Chair** attended the NYC Dept. For The Aging Budget Consultation September 9, 2005. Based on Ms. Robinson's suggestion of the need for senior information on the Medicare Part D Program; CB#9 space was offered as a Walk In Site for Senior Prescription Drug Information. The workshops to be conducted by Dept. For Aging personnel on Wednesdays from 2-4 P.M. Flyers will be mailed and distributed to the community.

PREPARED BY: HLEZIPHI ZITA, COMMUNITY ASSISTANT