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COMMUNITY BOARD #9, MANHATTAN

SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2004

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The Seniors Issues Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2004 at Community Board No.9 Manhattan, 565 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:

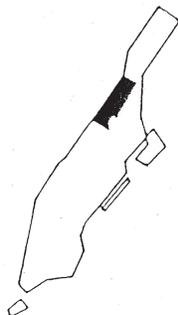
- G. Marilyn Alexander*
- Herbert Crews*

ATTENDANCE:

Juliette Gordon, Watson Hines, Rosalie Bynum, Herbert Crews, William Landers, Wanda L. Capan, Rochelle Mangual, Frezell Williams, Lani Sanjek, Adele Bendett, Gisele Guerre, Valerie Wright, M. Williams, Ruther J. Miller.

Sylvia Robinson, Co-Chair called the meeting to Order at 11:00 A.M. and thanked everyone for coming.

The Agenda was adopted with additional names added.



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Reports:

Ms. Lani Sanjek, member of NYS Wide Senior Action Council, Inc. provided information regarding new Medicare Law and how it affects seniors. Attached is the information and services that assist seniors.

Ms. Adele Bendett, member of JPAC mentioned that seniors should contact the Straphangers and the MTA regarding transportation. She read a drafted letter to be sent out to elected officials and the MTA. Ms. Bendett also cited that the federal government is going to cut Section 8 and urge seniors to vote for change.

Ms. Rochell Mangual, member of the MTA Advisory Committee mentioned that the MTA Senior Citizen Committee lobbied for ADA compliance and the escalators in subways in all five boroughs. She mentioned senior citizens ride buses and subways all day long and the free transportation for seniors has to be all day long.

Mr. Herbert Crews stated that he received positive responses from elected officials regarding free transportation for seniors. He also mentioned that elected officials were supposed to come to the October meeting, but due to the upcoming elections the elected officials are invited to come to the November meeting. Mr. Crews mentioned that the meeting should start on time so that presenters should have sufficient time.

Suggestion:

- A] Mr. Crews should notify the Seniors Committee about the MTA meetings.
- B] As of next month the In House Poetry will resume (by: Ms. Alexander)
- C] Next month 15 minutes will be allocated for the MTA issues.

Action Taken:

- 1] A motion was represented and passed 7-0-0 regarding new buses design with modifications [modified the stairs or changed to some sort of a ramp].
- 2] The Senior Issues committee should set up a meeting to visit Senate Paterson Office and other state officials.

PREPARED BY: HLEZIPHI ZITA, COMMUNITY ASSISTANT