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COMMUNITY BOARD #9, MANHATTAN

**SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES****WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2004**C. Virginia Fields  
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*The Seniors Issues Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday,  
September 8, 2004 at Community Board No.9 Manhattan, 565 West  
125<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10027*

**COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:**

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

**PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

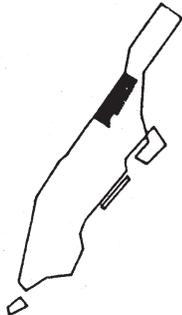
*G. Marilyn Alexander (Excused)  
Herbert Crews*

**ATTENDANCE:**

*Rosalia Bynum, Rosie Eugene, Seniors Helping Seniors, Florence M. Rice,  
Marian Scott, St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital, William Landers, Joselyne  
Fernandez, Susan M. Russell, Councilman Robert Jackson's Office.*

Sylvia Robinson and Sadie Winslow, Co-Chairs, called the meeting to Order at 11:00 A.M. and thanked everyone for coming in such a bad weather.

The Agenda was adopted and minutes were accepted with necessary corrections. Ms. Sadie Winslow objected to the minutes be accepted because of the quotation of The Department For The Aging free transportation need to take position.



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## Suggestion:

- (a) Welcome all seniors in our community.
- (b) List all senior centers in our community.
- (c) Invite the MTA to seniors meetings or attend the MTA's public meetings and voice concerns.
- (d) Invite all seniors in senior centers to come and attend the meeting.
- (e) Invite elected officials and MTA to the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Mr. Crews:

Mentioned that during the summer months had several meetings to discuss transportation issue and reach out to community groups etc. Invite elected officials to our meeting and have a forum in the future regarding free transportation for seniors in New York City. Mr. Crews mentioned that the free transportation issue was started in 1997 and need to reach out more and accomplished something because is long due. He stated that there is no excused for not having a 24 hour drug store open in our district.

## Ms. Florence Rice:

Mentioned that she is homeless and her case is in housing court. She stated that there were violations in her apartment and needed repairs. The Landlord was ordered to make repairs but the next happened the building was demolished. Ms. Rice stated that she is concerned about seniors being evicted from their homes and forced to live in nursing homes. She stated that seven seniors were evicted from their apartments and it is becoming a major problem. Seniors need to be protected. Churches are concerned and elected officials need to take action against seniors being evicted.

## Ms. Sarah Russell:

Mentioned that she is representing a couple of constituents at the housing court and said it is a shame to see tenants signing stipulations either that they don't understand or cannot live-up to it. She also stated that Judges favor Landlords over tenants and mentioned that Councilman Robert Jackson's Office has a program that assist underserved constituents in our district concerning housing matters. Ms. Russell stated that the committee should contact the Straphangers Campaign to see how they can assist in this free transportation for seniors.

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## **Action Taken:**

- 1] The district office should compile a complete mailing list.
- 2] The Senior Issues committee should set up a meeting to visit Senate Paterson Office and other state officials.

## **Announcement:**

- 1] On September 10<sup>th</sup> Mr. Norman Seagull is having a meeting at St. Mary's Church regarding Housing Issues.

**PREPARED BY: HLEZIPHI ZITA, COMMUNITY ASSISTANT**