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COMMUNITY BOARD #9, MANHATTAN

**SENIORS ISSUES COMMITTEE
 MINUTES
 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7 2005**

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The Seniors Issues Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 7th, 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:

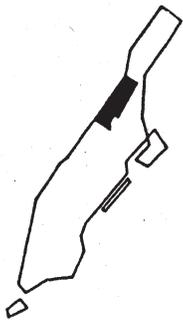
- Herbert Crews
- G. Marilyn Alexander (Excused)
- Nazarene Robinson (Absent)

ATTENDANCE:

- Edith C. Drake, Gisele Guerre, Elizabeth Wright, Captain flood, 26th Precinct, P.O. Palmer, P.O. Perez, Skip Brooker, Assemblyman Wrights Office, Watson Hines, Captain Kevin Hesh, Rosalie Bynum, Hazel O'Reiley, P.O. Washington, Luis Aguas, Wanda L. Capan.

Ms. Sylvia Robinson, Co-Chair called the meeting to Order at 10:00 A.M. and welcomed everyone.

The Agenda and the minutes were accepted with any necessary corrections.



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Reports:

Captain Flood, 26th Precinct Stated that it is a busy week for the police department because of the General Assembly at the United Nations. Most of the world leaders will be making presentations at Riverside Church and Columbia University. The Precinct has contacted D.O.T. to change signs at 125th Street and Amsterdam intersection that has caused a lot of accidents.

Officer Palma 26th Precinct mentioned that the Community Council meet on third Tuesday of every month to address public safety, issues of concern and crime in the community. Attendance and participation from the community is encouraged. These meetings run from September through June. The Precinct has a Civilian Observance Program and open to the community. The requirements are as follows; you have to be over 18 years old and have a valid photo Identification. Citizens Academy is a thirteen-week program, which you need to attend one day out of the week for three hours. Transportation is provided and at the end of the program there is graduation at the Police Plaza where the Police Commissioner will issue the certificates.

Officer Washington, 30th Precinct mentioned that identity theft is still a major problem. Seniors need to be more aware of their surroundings and officers urge that shredding papers with personal information could lessen identity theft.

Old Business:

Herbert Crews, Public Member of the SI mentioned that the Senior Issues Planning Committee met in the summer time to discuss the issues that need to be addressed. He stated that Community Board No. 10, 11 and 12 should be invited to discuss the issue of free transportation for seniors and also suggested that there is a need to reduce speakers because most people leave the meeting while is still in progress.

Carmen Perez: speaking on behalf of Assemblyman Wright stated that there was a question about the legislation in Albany regarding free transportation for seniors. There was a concern about the Peak hours and was suggested that should be changed from 9 A.M. to 10A.M. – 4P.M. The Assemblyman has made some changes on the SCRIE guidelines to start at \$35,000 and allow more seniors to be eligible. He is also addressing concerns about Access A-Ride. Assemblyman Wright is coordinating a relief drive for the victims of the Katrina Hurricane that would take place on Sunday, September 11th from 10 A.M. – 6 P.M. at Morningside Park. For more information call (212) 866-5809.

Agenda Schedule for October:

1. Invite Mr. Paduvan, Pharmacist from New Family Pharmacy, Shirley Saxton, SSA, and Visiting Nurse Services of New York.

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Concerns:

- (a) Cars are speeding on Broadway and running the red lights.
- (b) The Intersection on 145th Street and Broadway is dangerous there is a need of time adjustment on the lights to able seniors and the disable to have enough time to cross from one end to the other.

Suggestion(s):

- (a) Invite neighbor, friends and share information about the Senior Issues meeting.
- (b) Invite Duane Reade, Rite Aide, and CVS to the Senior Issues meeting.

Action Taken:

- (a) Since October meeting date had to be changed due to holiday; Laenoria Conyers and Ernestine Welch volunteered to telephone regular attendees to remind them of change of meeting date from Oct 4th to Oct. 11th, 2005.
- (b) Mailing list to be updated.

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

PREPARED BY: HLEZIPHI ZITA, COMMUNITY ASSISTANT