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Tuesday, September 9, 2008
Chair: Ernestine Welch

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Committee Members in Attendance: Ernestine Welch, Chair, Cora Gilmore.

Committee Member Absent: Georgiette Morgan-Thomas.

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Public Members Absent: Viola Rhods, Herbert Crews.

Members Attendance: Eunice Flemister, Amsterdam Adult Day Care, Inez Woodhouse, Ruth Lewis, Amsterdam Adult Day Care, Ethelin Jenkins, Housing Preservation and Development, Nellie Nieves, Housing Preservation and Development, Wanda Capan.

The meeting was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at George Bruce Public Library, 518 West 125th Street, New York, 10027.

Ernestine Welch, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:25 A.M. and welcomed everyone. She stated that the meeting was scheduled for September 9th due to Labor Day holiday and apologized for poor attendance due to Primary Day; seniors work the polls and couldn't attend the meeting.

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

Reports:
Ethelin Jenkins, Director for the West Harlem Initiative Division of Neighborhood Preservation, HPD introduced her colleague Deputy Director Nellie Nueves. She stated that residents in Harlem are losing apartments due to rent affordability and her division is here to provide assistance; make referrals to other organizations. The following is a list of services provided:

- Information about Tenant's Rights and legal Services.
- Landlord-Tenant conflict resolution support.
- Information on available housing opportunities

HPD is offering Section 8 to community residents of Community Board No. 9 and 10. A Special preference is given to senior citizens and the disabled.

Ruth Lewis, new Associate Director at Amsterdam Adult Day Care introduced herself and stated that will come next month and give an update on services provided.

Announcement:
Ernestine Welch stated that she attended the DFTA Budget Consultation and they were advised that if the agency does not receive funds it will be forced to close all senior centers except the Norc Program due to outstanding services the agency provides.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

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