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COMMUNITY BOARD #9, MANHATTAN

SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES TUESDAY, September 1, 2009

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Committee Members in Attendance: Ernestine Welch, Chair; Cora Gilmore, Reverend Georgiette Morgan-Thomas

Public Members in Attendance: Laenoria Conyers; Sophie Johnson; Ruther Miller; Inez Woodhouse; Ruther Miller; Viola Rhodes; Vanisha Taylor.

Committee Member (s) Absent: Donitra Clemons

Public Members Excused: G. Marilyn Alexander

Other Attendees: Dorothy Rudolph; Virginia Lee; Elizabeth Ortiz, St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospitals; Ruth Lewis, Amsterdam Adult Day Care; Bessie Davis, Helen Marshall; Effie Scott; Margaret Collins; Wanda Capan; Florence Rice, Gisele Guerre; Jeanine Johnson, Assemblyman Keith Wright's Office; Verna Arthur, NYC Department For The Aging.

The meeting was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at the George Bruce Library, 518 West 125th Street, New York, 10027.

Ernestine Welch, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:20 A.M greeted everyone and apologized for her delay starting the meeting.

The Agenda and minutes were adopted with any necessary corrections, which may be submitted to CB#9 district office at a later date.

Announcements:

- Ms. Marilyn Alexander, our in house poet and public member is ill and couldn't attend the meeting.
- Ms. Carolyn Kent, Manhattan Community Board No. 9 passed away during the summer; a moment of silence was observed for all who have passed.
- Public Member applications are available to apply and renew membership.

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Reports:

Florence Rice stated that if a landlord deprives the tenants services for five days constitute as harassment. If you have problems with your housing or landlord you can call Majorie Moore, Harlem Consumer Education Council, Inc. at (212) 283-7011 for assistance.

Tiffany Alston, NYPL, George Bruce Library, cited that summer scheduled computer classes were well attended; starting December she will be on maternity leave for a year but will assign a staff member to assist the Senior Issues Committee in preparation of future meetings.

Donna Fredericksens and Russell Schmidt, Access-A-Ride, stated the basic services as follows:

- Fare hike of 25 cents; one way strip cost \$2.25
- Increased vehicles on the road and trips on scheduled daily.
- Weekend trips have doubled from 2500 to 7000.

Application process:

- On the day of the interview, bring application form; a photo and a medical note from the doctor stating the illness.
- The application process takes about 2 to 3 weeks to receive a response.

Service:

- Call in the morning on the day of your trip to confirm the day, time and the vehicle number.
- Having difficulty with service for more than 30 minutes after scheduled pick-up call the Transit Control at (877) 337-2017 for a trip status.
- Trips must be canceled no later than 3 hours before the scheduled pick-up.

Jeanine Johnson, Assemblyman Keith Wright's Office stated that in these difficult economic times, the assembly is not receiving support on bill for 'Free Transportation for Seniors'; Although given the circumstances the bill is still on the priority list of Assemblyman Keith Wright's agenda.

Elizabeth Ortiz, St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospitals cited that Saturday, September 12, 2009 the hospital is having the Men's Health Conference at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital, West 114th Street and Amsterdam Avenue from 9 A.M. to 1: 00 P.M. Registration is required to reserve space by calling (212) 523-4001. On Tuesday, October 6th just after the Senior Issues Committee meeting, St. Luke's Hospital will provide a free Health Screening on Hypertension, Diabetic and cholesterol from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. A calendar of up-coming events was distributed (see attached.)

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

Prepared by: Hleziphi Zita, Community Assistant