SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012

Committee Members:

Ernestine Welch, Chair, **Present;** Tiffany Alston, **Present;** Cora Gilmore, **Present;** Anthony Fletcher, **Present**

Public Members:

G. Marilyn Alexander, **Excused;** Wanda Capan, **Present;** Laenoria Conyers, **Present;** Bessie Davis, **Present;** Ruther Miller, **Present;** Virginia Lee, **Excused;** Inez Woodhouse, **Present;** Nazarene Robinson, **Excused**

Other Attendees Present:

Kim Hernandez; Wilson Martinez, Beam New York; Alpha Sesay, City College of New York; Annie Payne; Carmelita Clinton; Dothe Rudolph; Iretha Fletcher; Jully Merino; Victoria Mason-Ailey; Anna Burley; Shirley Saxton; Social Security Administration, Verna Arthur, Dept. For The Aging; Sonia Addo

The meeting was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at the George Bruce Library, 518 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027

Ernestine Welch, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

The agenda was adopted as stated and the minutes were accepted with any necessary corrections which may be filed at a later date.

Update:
Beam New York:
Wilson Martinez, Community Liaison

- Stated that Beam New York is a nonprofit organization which educates the public about energy efficiency, energy saving tips programs.
- He emphasized that replace appliances with energy star models; buy a smart strip extension and use an insulation tape for cracks on windows or doors to save energy.
- City, State and Federal have programs that help with heat and electricity expenses.
- See attached New York State Public Service Commission consumer resources and simple steps to reduce energy waste.

Senior Reading Garden:
Anthony Fletcher, Treasurer, Community Board No. 9 Manhattan

- Stated that there is a dialogue between Rev. Morgan-Thomas and Commissioner Lopez regarding the senior garden.

Report:
NYC Department For The Aging
Kim Hernandez, Deputy Assistant Commissioner

- The Department for the Aging is in partnership with Association of American Retired Persons and elected officials to combat hunger in the city.
- Seniors can apply for food stamps and HEAP online but because the food stamp application is difficult to fill out, the reservist are available to assist seniors in completing the application at senior centers (see attached list)
- DFTA has is offering Reserve Program for retired 55 years and older to work for 15 hours a week and pays ten dollars an hour ($10.00).
- Heat Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) will be accepting applications until April 13, 2012
- Health Insurance Information Counseling Assistance session will be held on Friday, April 20th at 220 Work Street, 3rd Floor from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Suggestions:

- Organize a senior event in Harlem for seniors.

Announcement:

- Saturday, April 14, 2012 Community Board No.9's Youth, Education and Libraries will host a Youth Resources Expo at Riverbank State Park located at West 145th and Riverside Drive, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Action Item:

Adjournment: 12:30 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 1st, George Bruce Library

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