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Seniors & Aging Services Committee Minutes

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Senior Center Visits and Town Hall Planning

- District Manager Anthony Jordan confirms the town hall date as February 12th and discusses the need to address senior complaints about accessorize services.
- Member Brenda Goodwin mentions visiting a senior center on Eagle Avenue and the need for flyers to inform seniors about the town hall.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan outlines the plan to partner with Deputy Speaker Ayala's office and other representatives to address senior transportation issues at the town hall.

Senior Transportation Issues and MTA Representative's Absence

- District Manager Anthony Jordan recounts a previous incident where seniors were stranded in Queens due to a driver's decision to not take too many bags.
- The discussion highlights the ongoing problems seniors face with accessorize, including missing doctor's appointments and family events.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan mentions a past meeting with an MTA representative who promised to address these issues, but the representative could not attend the rescheduled meeting.
- The committee decides to pivot to a broader conversation with MTA representatives to discuss systemic issues and improvements.

Town Hall Logistics and Accountability

- District Manager Anthony Jordan suggests holding the town hall at Lincoln Hospital with MTA representatives providing a presentation in both English and Spanish.
- Member Brenda Goodwin asks if the town hall meeting will be a one-time event or a regular occurrence, and Anthony Jordan clarifies it will be a one-time event with quarterly follow-ups.
- The committee discusses the importance of holding MTA accountable for their services and the need for regular check-ins.

Community Involvement and Accountability

- Member Brenda Goodwin emphasizes the need for community accountability and suggests having seniors write down their issues on index cards for better tracking.

- The discussion includes the importance of having seniors attend meetings to voice their concerns and hold representatives accountable.
- The committee agrees on the importance of community involvement and the need for better outreach to ensure seniors are informed and engaged.

Alternative Transportation Options and Community Outreach

- Community Coordinator Steven Palmers suggests informing seniors about alternative transportation options like medical assisted services transportation.
- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne shares a personal experience with a private cab company for medical appointments, highlighting the need for reliable transportation options.
- The committee discusses the importance of offering bilingual translation services to ensure all seniors understand the issues and solutions.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan suggests emailing or calling additional questions to the Community Board Office for follow-up with MTA.

Virtual Meetings and Health Seminars for Seniors

- The committee discusses the possibility of holding virtual meetings due to weather and health concerns, with Anthony Jordan mentioning the borough president's office's denial of virtual meetings.
- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne suggests having index cards and bilingual translation at the town hall to maximize questions and ensure everyone understands.
- Committee Chair Josephine Fernandez-Byrne proposes hosting informative health sessions for seniors to educate them on necessary health screenings and wellness visits.
- The committee agrees on the importance of regular health screenings and the need for agencies to provide information on health plans and changes.

Finalizing Town Hall Details and Future Plans

- The committee agrees on the need for better outreach and flyering to inform seniors about upcoming meetings and events.
- Member Brenda Goodwin suggests involving the Board Office staff in planning meetings to ensure convenience and better attendance.
- The committee discusses the importance of having consistent meeting locations and times to accommodate seniors' schedules.
- The meeting concludes with a consensus on the importance of community involvement, regular outreach, and addressing seniors' needs through informative sessions and reliable transportation.

Action Items

Schedule a virtual pre-meeting with the MTA representative

Create flyers for the town hall meeting and distribute them at senior centers

Prepare index cards and pens for attendees to submit questions in advance

Arrange for bilingual translation services for the town hall meeting

Have committee members present at the town hall meeting to collect feedback

Invite the MTA representative to come back quarterly to provide updates options.