SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

Committee Members
Hon. Reverend Georgiette Morgan-Thomas, Chair, Excused
Hon. Anthony Fletcher, Present; Hon. Martin Wallace, Excused

Public Members
Wanda Capan; Excused, Bessie Davis; Present; Inez Woodhouse, Excused; Cora Gilmore, Present;
Ruther Miller, Present; Lillian Doctor, Present

Other Attendees: Anne Payne, Ameenah Muhammad, Anne Burley [excused], Yolanda Blackwell,
Leonard Bonanno, Elise Rackmill, Lucille Borddie, Bill Margraf, LifeForce In Later Years, Diana
Howard, Manhattan Borough President Office, Lilian Calix

Meeting was called to order by Anthony Fletcher at 11: 35 AM

There was no quorum and an open discussion was held. The November minutes will be adopted at the January 9th,
2018 meeting

Complaints:
- There is an issue of non-responsive from Council Member Mark Levine’s Office in following up with
  complaints or taking complaints
- The New York City Housing Authority is requesting tenants to file complaints online and residents are
  directed to contact the Management of the Development whereby there is a lack of communique between
  staffers and the new procedures, and at times tenants are told that their information is not available in the
  computer.
- There were issues about defected smoke detectors and the lock on the main door

Invites for the upcoming meeting:
- a representative from Council Member Mark Levine’s Office
- renter’s insurance broker
- Medicare representative to address the how the tax bill is going to affect recipients on Medicare
- Community Board No. 9 Housing, Land Use and Zoning Committee member to address NYCHA issues

Update:
Bill Magraff from LifeForce in Later Years, West Harlem volunteered to help a senior member regarding changing
a defected smoke detector and encourage seniors to reach out or to refer someone in need to LILY because the
organization assist seniors in a number of needed services such as helping with errands, share a cup of tea, connect
a senior to the community and other needed services. He spoke about an article he read in the New York Times
which address the lack of involvement of seniors in Japan. He stated that reading the article made him realized how
great to have LILY in our community.

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Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018 @ George Bruce Library