



Manhattan Community Board 9

Serving Hamilton Heights, Manhattanville and Morningside Heights

SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

Committee Members

Hon. Reverend Georgette 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 communicate 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