

Senior Issues Committee Meeting Minutes 1-7-2020

Present: A Fletcher, Walter Alexander, Martin Wallace.

Absent (Unexcused): Marti Cummings

Called to order at 12:35

Discuss meeting date and time.

Presenters:

Victoria Mason-Ailey – Columbia U.

Verna Arthur – Dept. for the Aging

Adopt Agenda

Meeting date discussion – George Bruce or Hamilton Grange; Concerns re meeting time/date

Welcome Walter Alexander - new member of committee

V. Arthur:

Not available past around 1:00 PM. Mondays are not good – District Cabinet Meeting.
Could come every other Monday.

C. Gilmore – I'm not available on Wednesdays.

V. Arthur –

Home Sharing Program – supported by NY Foundation – helps curb social isolation by pairing seniors (must be 60yrs or older to participate) with vetted and screened renters. Rents are negotiated by participants.

Presenter can come to S. I. Committee to present.

Lorraine – each of us can bring a friend to the meeting to make sure there is robust attendance.
V. A. Also, contact old members; have a welcome back party/event. Need to keep your numbers up. Maybe form a committee to do outreach. Write letter to District Manager to stress importance of DFTA representation - V. Arthur – at our meetings.

A Fletcher – we have been asking, constantly!

DFTA funds Home Sharing program, NY manages. Not sure if there is a waiting list.

Let's petition CB9 for help ad express our concern. Letter is drafted and presented to B. Weingberg.

Victoria Mason-Ailey

2 Items

1. New format for communication. Now have "Neighbors Bulletin" in English and Spanish. One page about upcoming events. Access on-line, at Community Board, Grant/Manhattanville Houses Tennant Assoc. Presidents. Many events are free. Sign up so we know how many to expect. Can call V. Mason-Ailey for now until a number is created for those without internet access. 212-854-3887. It is a work in progress so please be patient.
2. Shuttle Access – stops at subway stops and select routes go to certain locations. Not all go to Harlem Hospital – see schedules

Anthony Fletcher – we would like someone from Columbia to come speak to us about the Shuttle Buses.

V. Mason-Ailey – We can have rep come speak/take questions. Miguel 'Mike' Pagan. Shuttle runs during school year, then scales back on commencement day. One route during Summer.

Meeting Dates/Locations

Drew from Hamilton Grange – Library is open at 10:00 AM M-Th, 11:00 AM Friday.

M. Wallace – Who could make 10:00 on Tuesday?

2 are unable, 9 are able.

A.F. These are 2 long-time members who cannot make it. I do not want them to miss meetings.

M.W. We can alternate locations so that all members can attend at least every other month. Might increase membership from northern part of our district.

A.F. We want everyone present once we set a date and location. Active CB members (A. Fletcher, M. Wallace and W. Alexander) are available.

Resolution – Meet every other month, starting March. February meeting will be at George Bruce at 12:15 on first Tuesday. March meeting at Ham. Grange at 10:00 AM. Unanimous support.

Drew – I will report back in February re feasibility and any potential conflicts. Tax prep happens every Tuesday at 12:30, so need to end by about 12:00-12:15 until April. I will help promote meeting in March to try to help boost attendance.

Meeting Adjourns at 2:00 PM