SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Ernestine Welch, Chair, Present
Cora Gilmore, Present
Georgiette Morgan-Thomas, Present
Anthony Fletcher, Excused

PUBLIC MEMBERS:
G. Marilyn Alexander, Excused
Wanda Capan, Excused
Laenoria Conyers, Present
Bessie Davis, Present
Ruther Miller, Present
Virginia Lee, Present
Inez Woodhouse, Present
Vanisha Taylor, Absent
Dothe Rudolph, Absent
Margaret Collins, Present
Nazareen Robinson, Absent
Helen Marshall, Absent

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT
Kenneth Boyd
Florence Rice
Gisele Guerre
Linda Guy, Senator Perkins’ Office
Tiffany Alston, CB9M member
Lucille Bordi
Anne Burley
Corey Ortega
Ginia Oddo
Shirley Saxton, Social Security Administration
Meghan Amato

The meeting was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at the George Bruce Library, 518 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027

Ernestine Welch, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:10 A.M.
The agenda was adopted and minutes accepted with any necessary corrections which may be found.

Commentary:
Ms. Welch thanked everyone for coming to the meetings and contributing to senior issues.

Announcement:
• The Senior Citizen Forum will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at Riverbank State Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
• Sing for Hope will place 3 Pop-Ups Pianos in Harlem for the first; pianos will be placed at 145th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue; Montefiore Park and 145th Street and Riverside Park. The installation of pianos will be on June 16th and the concert series will start on June 18th, 2011 through July 2nd, 2011. For further information please contact Reverend Morgan-Thomas at (212) 926-8888 (please leave a detailed message with your name and telephone number)
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Reports/Update:
New York State Senate Bill Perkins’ Office:
- Linda Guy, Public Affairs Coordinator stated that the new amended Free Senior Transportation Bill passed both houses, Assembly and Senate but she indicated that there is still a need to reach out to those who felt that the bill is expensive.
- The new amended bill was turned over to the State Transportation and Finance Committees.
- She urged seniors to continue circulating petitions in order to push the bill to be passed into law.

New York State Assembly Member Keith Wright’s Office:
- Corey Ortega stated that Assembly Member Wright hosted two events;
  i. Anti-Gang in Harlem to inform the community about new trends and to be aware of them; various professionals were involved
  ii. Health Care Budget
- The Assembly restored 36 million back for senior citizen programs and 25 million went to the City of New York which Mayor Bloomberg oversees it.
- The Assembly passed the bill on Rent Regulations, no decontrol – rent stabilization.
- June 15th is the last day for the Rent Stabilizations – the law expires if not voted into law again.

New York Public Library:
- Tiffany Alston stated that Senior Computer Classes are still ongoing – Wednesday, June 15, 2011
- There is a 40 million cut off on libraries which will cost the layoffs of: 12 librarians, 687 staff members and 6-7 days service to 4 days service.

The library requested support on a letter drive to Elected Officials which was distributed for signatures

Old Business:
- There is an enormous complaint regarding Home Health Aids and Home Health Attendants Services – a representative to be invited to the next monthly meeting in September.
- A special letter should be sent to Grants Houses Tenants Associations regarding the Senior Garden Project - Ms. Sarah Martin, President of Grant Houses Tenants Association being absent there was no report given on the status of green garden; she will be contacted

New Business:
- The Advisory Committee will meet in the summer time to address the Senior Garden Project.

Adjournment: 12:30 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on September 13, 2011, George Bruce Library

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