

Senior Issues Manhattan Community Board 9
June 6, 2023

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Zoom

Attendance: *Co-Chairs:* Anthony Fletcher; Walter T Alexander; *Members:* Lydia Gerson, Arelis Mejia, Carlton Davis; Council Member Shaun Abreu; Mwata Nubien (Jackie Robinson), Jacqueline Green, Will Haggis (George Bruce Library), Verna Arthur (DFTA), Jennifer Patrone (NMICO Outreach Specialist), Victor Edwards, Antonica James, Lorraine Wilbourne, Iretha Fletcher, Lili Lopez

Call to Order Quorum established at 11:00 AM

Adopt Agenda Motion to adopt the minutes by Lydia Gerson; and seconded.

Adopt Minutes Lydia Gerson made a motion to accept the minutes; and seconded,

Approval of Agenda: Chair Alexander asks for a motion to accept the agenda for this month's meeting-accepted

Presenters: Council Member Shaun Abreu

Council Member Abreu gave a brief overview of this year's budget.

Mayor Adams has cut more than \$16,000,000 to services for seniors

The elderly make up 20% of the city's demographic.

The number of Senior Citizens is expected to increase exponentially as the Baby Boomers enter those numbers in the coming years

The cuts will impact "Food Insecure" seniors who are home bound, as well as those who are provided meals at Older Adult Centers

There is food assistance available the last Thursday of the month at the District Office.

Lili Lopez, NY Connects

A free-of-charge program that connects people with any disability, any age to services, needs, resources, based on need

Antonica James, Connect at Housing Works

Provides free-offsite therapy

Case management and support services for residents in Harlem

Workers will meet clients at home, in libraries, parks or other safe community places

Verna Arthur, DFTA

Mayor's office announces Launch of new Program for Older New Yorkers who Want to Work

Applicants will be able to learn new skills

Applicants must be 55+

Semi-employed, under-employed or retired

Willing to participate in skills training and specialized certification program, and volunteer a minimum of 10 hours per week at a nonprofit or city agency.

Old Business

Co-Chair Alexander spoke to the success of the Senior Resource Fair

It was well-attended by members and politicians

Food for the event was donated by Westside Market

Entertainment included exercise and singing.

Announcement

Arelis Mejia is running for District Leader in Part D (125th street-140th street)

Anthony Fletcher is stepping down as Co-Chair and resigning from the Community Board

New Business

Co-Chair Alexander proposes meeting in person in the future

Most people prefer hybrid

.Adjourn Lydia Gerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Iretha Fletcher seconded. All agreed.

Next meeting will be September 5, 2023 in a hybrid format. HAPPY SUMMER ALL!!!

Respectfully submitted by Lydia Gerson