

Senior Issues Committee Minutes 10-3-17

Meeting was called to order by Anthony Fletcher at 11:43 AM

Motion to adopt minutes passes.

Announcements on behalf of Rev. Morgan – Thomas

Senior housing forum TBA – still in progress, waiting to hear back from Housing Committee.

Broadway Developers to visit to discuss their plans to build affordable housing on the Upper West Side – either Nov. or Dec. meeting. They will be discussing their plans and looking for feedback.

DFTA – Verna Arthur

Announced October public hearing on the 17th @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood Auditorium at E 70th st 10 – noon.

Responded to question about housing – DFTA does not handle housing but does work with the City's Finance Committee regarding housing issues.

Presentation on Senior Crime Prevention from Officer Kathleen Clifford, 26th Precinct Community Affairs, with the help of Officer Ureña. See attached presentation or reach out to Comm. Affairs 26th precinct for a copy.

Takeaway: Seniors in the 26th are doing better, statistically, than those in other precincts and boros.

Bags with reflective striping handed out, with microscopic glass, pen, senior book and handouts inside. Bag distribution started in July.

We then read through the booklet – see attached.

There was a discussion about credit and identity theft and Member Wallace recommended that everyone check with Equifax, as well as the other two credit agencies. Equifax experienced a large breach recently and are offering free credit monitoring as a result.

Other recommendations – request direct deposit for bills and other regularly occurring payments with your bank. It was suggested that we work with the NYPD and banks to set up days when seniors can work with their bank to get these payments set up. Need to follow up and find a person to be in charge of this initiative.

There is a Community Affairs meeting on October 24th at 6pm at the George Bruce library. They meet once a month to discuss issues and accomplishments with the community. All are welcome.

Ms. Saxon, who does outreach for Medicare/Social Security, mentioned that there are Cabinet Meetings every month when these issues are also discussed, but Eutha Prince pointed out that these meetings are not always open to the public.

At this point, Neighborhood Coordinating Officers (NCOs) are introduced –

Officers Gutierrez and Paulino. They handed out their cards and briefly talked about the program. One CB member in attendance asked how success is measured. Officer Clifford responded that crime stat is a primary bench mark. Out of 77 precincts, 51 precincts have now implemented the NCO program.

*Improves Response time, meant to address low level crimes – trash not being placed out at the right time, noise complaints, etc.

Need community to help and participate for the program to work.

All crimes can be filed at any precinct, then will be transferred to the appropriate precinct if the crime occurred in a different precinct from the one in which it was reported.

Columbia University – Victoria Mason-Ailey

Spoke about the Shuttle Bus

For Overview, see schedule (Attached or at the table)

Free service provided in accordance with the Community Benefits

Agreement (CBA)

For seniors – 9-5 weekdays.

Must show ID – Medicare; Access-a-Ride; Senior Metro Card

N.B. – N Bound Stop @ 125th Street now located at Tiemann Place and Broadway, S Bound Stop near Starbucks at Tiemann and Broadway as well.

Bus Stop Signs to be installed when construction in the area is finished – currently, no signs will be installed at any of the locations.

In case you are denied passage, please report Date, Time and Location to Eutha Prince so she can pass this on to Columbia.

Re. Manhattanville Construction:

The Monthly Construction Newsletter is available in hardcopy and online.

The first two buildings are open and filling up

Jerome Greene Science Center – Brain Science and Education lab for Youth

Includes Wellness Center – Still preparing to move in in November.

Lenfest Center for the Arts - Wallach Gallery has Frank Lloyd Wright exhibit currently showing.

Medicare – Ms. Saxon

Medicare Handbook for 2018 is out – In Large Print and Braille
Includes a picture of the new card which now features the Medicare claim #

In Saxon's opinion, this is the best book yet. Will order bulk copies for organizations who want them. They also arrive in the mail automatically for those who are eligible.

Our next meeting date has been moved to November 14th at 11:15 at the George Bruce Library – moved because of conflict with Election Day. VOTE!