

Senior Issues Committee Minutes 10-2-2018

Meeting called to order at 11:27AM

Minutes and Agenda adopted

Rev. G T – Reviews Harlem Advocates For Seniors visit from previous month. Encourages all to get their new S.S./Medicare cards. New cards remove S.S. # from card for security.

Presentation:

1. Naomi Goldberg Haas – Dance for a Varying Population. Flyers on hand (see attached).

Naomi: Our org. has programs throughout the city for seniors. We are supported by orgs such as: Columbia Community Service, Council Members, Borough President, WHDC.

“Movement Speaks” programs for adults of all ages.

“Dances for Seniors” – includes performances. Associate, Chuck, is teacher.

Chuck: All of you have at least 600 muscles. Use all of your muscles!

Demo begins:

Two rules - 1. Have fun! 2. Respect your limits and celebrate challenges.

2. April Tyler from Housing Committee was scheduled to speak regarding preparation for Housing Forum but did not show up.

3. Discussion among those present regarding what to do for Housing Forum.

Martin Wallace: Churches – invite congregations.

Rev: If we know housing is coming to Harlem we can work with developers/landlords.

125th street BID – annual meeting next Wednesday (10-10-18) to address role of churches in housing development. Legree is gone – Condos.

M W: Will Limited Equity/Coops be addressed?

Rev: Yes. Need to organize follow-up. School: PS 186 building not properly constructed. 145th street. Reached out to chair of M L Wilson Boys and Girls Club.

Ownership of building has changed. April and Signe looking into this. Equitable does not equal Substandard!

Ms. Payne – Who is responsible for upkeep of buildings? What agency? West Harlem Group Development – Trying to phase out Manhattan's Manny Wilson to make condos.

A Fletcher: Where to file, get a rep? This needs to be addressed. Do we have a date set for a housing forum?

Rev. Don't know. Had a date, was changed, supposed to be this month. Housing Committee is now doing segments rather than one big forum. They request info to develop a topic. One issue they were to address was Succession Rights. Was that done?

H Zita: Forum was cancelled. Was to be Sept. 29. New date? Still waiting to hear back.

Rev. Presbyterians sold church in Brooklyn. Dev. Offered space in new building to congregation in perpetuity.

C Gilmore: Can't get repairs done. Call agency, but they don't call back.

A.F: I am a resource. Call me and I'll call them on your behalf. DHCR Let's bring in DHCR. Disappointed we can't combine forces w/housing Committee.

V Arthur: Commission for Human Rights. NY State Division. They can help.

Mary: What is mixed finance? Who are we supposed to contact re. rent? Why do I pay to NYCHA if I'm under mixed finance?

Rev.: Should be in the lease. Housing and Dev: that's mixed finance. Receives money from Fed. State and City. Hud and City. City of NY has oversight. Hud looks at NYCHA's books. Ex. 2 Billion dollar lawsuit with city.

Mary: I have received 5 different leases with five different rent amounts listed.

Rev. Go to Single Stop. 140 W 140th Street between ACP and Lenox. Edlyn Wiler – Atty.

A.F.: Housing Lawyer – Wed. PM at CB9

Mary: Was there but have heard nothing back.

Rev. Maybe need to go to main office – 125th and 5th – NYC Legal Assistance (Appleby's)

Invite West Harlem Group Assistance for December. DHCR – how to reduce rent.
What to do when landlords apply for capital renovations but don't do them.
Succession rights.
Always put kids' names on the lease. Apartments are an asset.

V Arthur: Reminder – October 22nd is public Hearing at DFTA. 10AM at Covello Senior Center: 312 E 109th St, New York, NY 10029. We need to see CB9 attend. I can send copies of announcement to office.

Rev. Office can send fliers out in the mail.

VF: We are required by State and Feds to take comments.

Rev.: We will have our own needs met through our own meeting and reach out to April and Signe for future forums. Will reach out to members re. churches (Episcopal and Presbyterian). Need to do outreach to get ahead of developers. Tell churches to remember their mission. Might need to write a resolution.

Meeting Adjourns: 12:36PM