

Senior Issues Committee Minutes – Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Present: Anthony Fletcher, Martin Wallace

Absent (Unexcused): Rev. Georgiette Morgan-Thomas, Marti Cummings

Preliminary remarks from Anthony Fletcher

Call to order at 12:07 PM

Agenda adopted with help of Public Member

Drew Berner, from Hamilton Grange Library, Adult Programming for H.G.

Calendar events: Fri – Adult Coloring; Mon – Adult Yoga;

Starting Jan. – AARP free tax prep until April 15 Tax Day

A.F. – Does H.G. offer more programming than G. B.?

D.B. – Equivalent – based on staffing, space, etc.

M.W. – How are hours determined?

D.B. – Not sure – Visitor circulation data, staffing issues, among other things

A.F. NYPL is private not-for-profit, not run by the city. System originally created by Astor-Lenox fund.

M.W. Community room available?

D.B. – Contact Yolanda Bennett Reid. 2 rooms, one large, one small

A.F. – Located on 145th between B'way and Amst. Definitely a meeting space alternative.

Programming is also enticing.

D.B. – Next week, Dec 12th, Thursday, from 3-6:30 – Hosting Census recruitment event.

\$25/hour. Seniors can apply.

Agenda setting for 2020

- Transit – Speakers: Lyle Blackwood, Carolyn Thompson, MTA rep
Elevators; Busway; Access-A-Ride
- Affordable Housing
- Social Security – find our rep to speak about 2020 changes
- Medicare/Medicaid – Michael Walker; William Hamer – HAS
- Wills and Estate Planning – A. Fletcher
- Phone Scams
- Neighborhood Coordinating Officers – Build the Block
- Trips – Museum, hospital, Broadway, Opera, Rockefeller Center, Busway
- Bikes on Sidewalk – Subcommittee on Street Safety and Design
- Zoning – protection against overdevelopment, too tall buildings

Adult Librarian for George Bruce, Heather Caines

Programming:

Basic Computer Skills for Adults

Sat 11:15-12:00; Wed eve 4:30-5:15; 5:15-6:00*

*Specific needs – e-mail; acct. help; resume writing/updating; navigating the web; smart phone help; NYPL site navigation – movies; e-books; databses – LINDA – on-line tutorials.

Eyes on the Prize screenings – last weekend this weekend.

Short plays to nourish the mind and soul – Playwright Cesi Davidson

3rd Saturday of each month, except for December when it is second Saturday 4-5PM

AF – Help with manning the door – special times but no staff to let seniors into the building

HC – Need to speak with Ms. Carter-Bowman

New Business:

Columbia plans to build 37 floors on top of McDonald's Site

Possible solutions include taking CU to court (Daniel O'Donnell) and rezoning (Mark Levine).

Next Meeting Date – January 7th at Noon

Will discuss meeting at Hamilton Grange or other options. Need to resolve meeting date issue and get more GB members appointed to our committee
H. Caines confirms availability of space for meeting.

Drew Berner from H.G. will attend

A.F. we need to communicate directly with chair about our needs

Will write letter if Board Chair does not attend January meeting.

A.F. will ask Ms. Carter-Bowman to attend meeting to address Wed. meeting and locked door/security issue.

Adjourn – 2:00 PM