

SENIOR ACTION MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2024

In attendance: Hon. Carlton Davis, Hon. Walter T. Alexander, Hon. Lydia Gerson, Hon. Pat Caldwell, Hon. Francina Wearing, Hon. Liz Eastman, Hon. Pat Watler-Johnson, Committee Members; Gail Powell, Tony Gonzalez, Will Haggis, Antonica James, Richard Allman, Manual Alls

I-Call to Order-11:09am

II-Minutes Accepted (no changes were posed); Francina, Lydia; Liz, Francina

III-Discussion

1-Alberto Roldan, Assistant Director, Government and Community Relations, MTA

- Mr. Roldan discussed the upcoming changes with OMNY and how it will affect seniors, Fares Fair recipients, and those with disability passes. Cards will only be mailed to seniors sometime this year, as the MetroCard is phased out. A lively discussion was held regarding where and how to refill the OMNY Cards; the disappointment that the new system will be replacing monthly, weekly, and daily passes. Questions were raised regarding public hearings on the changes. Mr. Roldan noted that the new transfer system will begin at any day of the week and end seven days later. Seniors will also be able to refill their cards at check cashing places and the mobile vans. Mr. Roldan states he will also be available at our Senior Resource Fair on May 10th.

2-Monifa Maat, Addo Foundation monifa.afinome@gmail.com (646) 259-1991

- Ms. Maat founded her own Community Health program along with Mr. Martin Maat who is a body builder. Together they rebuilt a market center-Total Resistant Enterprises. Her focus is called Move Better, Feel Better. She conducted a few in place exercises for those in person as well as those on Zoom. She was also invited to our Senior Resource Fair.

3-Will Haggis, George Bruce Library

- Stated the library is still under construction. The completion date is not set yet, however the classes have been moved over to Zoom. The free tax prep was also moved to a number of nearby libraries. A flyer will be attached to the minutes.

4-Corey Ortega-West Harlem Merchants Association

- He wants to meet with all of MCB9 committees to see where he can assist them.

IV-New Business-We had to table our after meeting discussion of the Fair as Ms. Prince was unavailable.

V-Old Business-none

Meeting adjourned at 12:55pm. Next meeting is March 5, 2024 at 11am via hybrid format.