

March 1st, 2022 Senior Issues Committee meeting minutes

Call to order: 11:11 AM

In attendance:

Anthony Fletcher, Martin Wallace, Walter Alexander, Robin Aloï - MRHS, Ron Bruno - MRHS dir., Fern Hertzberg - ARC XVI Exec Dir., Dory Garcia - Assistant Executive Dir., Iretha Fletcher, Lorraine Wilbourne, Will Haggis - George Bruce Library, William Hamer - HAS Exec. Dir., Ameenah Muhammad, Amy Li, Annie Payne, Gail Powell, Cora Gilmore, Ann Burley.

Anthony -

Outlines updated agenda - Apologies for February Meeting Problems
Verna Arthur will not attend.

Poetry Reading for Black History Month - Ann B. And Iretha F.

Ron Bruno -

Will Haggis

Fern H. - Letter of Support in application to sponsor Jackie Robinson Sr. Ctr.

Old and New Business

Review of Feb. Meeting - materials sent out were incorrect and missing call-in info.

Ray Maclin left office

Gail Powell not receiving materials

Amended agenda Adopted

Poetry Reading - Ann B. reads Langston Hughes - A Dream World
Iretha Fletcher read Maya Angelou - Still I Rise

Ron Bruno

Opening up using DFTA guidelines

Hybrid in person/on-line classes being offered

Art classes - still at limited capacity

Black History mo. - Celebration cancelled this year and last

year due to pandemic

Insert in newsletter of NY Historical Society

Lorraine W - Promoted item that included one of our residents

Online programs - go to website - must register - anyone can

join

A Fletcher - Where is funding coming from? M'side Gardens? MHRS?

Other orgs would probably like to help

Ron Bruno - will accept help from orgs willing to donate - ronb@mrhsny.org
mrhsny.org

William Hamer - Shout out to Ron - Kudos. We work just north of you at
3333 B'way. M'side Heights Comm. Coalition provides help.

Will Haggis - Library offering tax prep help - see flyer for locations

Walter - Taxes online - watch out for 'free' services that aren't free in the
end. Is there an income max? Is tax help free for real?

****Started recording to cloud at 12:15****

At Countee help on hand. At other locations, people prepare taxes for you.
There is an income threshold - links list income - \$60,000 range I think but
need to check.

Anthony - be cautious doing anything on line. If you don't have a computer
- you can call libraries directly. Please continue to forward items to us for
our mailings.

Gail P. - Still not receiving mailings!

Will Haggis - Black History Month - Book display; art exhibit - William Kitt -
18 pieces on display. Women's History month display is going up.

Robin from Arts and Minds - rogina@mrhsny.org

Open to people from gardens in person or via zoom, inside or outside.

Financial planning workshop on March 17th. March 31st - movie - every month. 100 max on zoom but open to wider community.

Need to limit # of screens - assume 2 people per screen participant and caregiver for arts and minds. Art for people with cognitive decline.

Run two different ways, 1st and third Tuesday of the month. First one is April 5th.

1st meeting - educator introduces 1 or more pieces of art - gives history, museum location, etc.

2nd meeting - discuss art - last 15 min. Dedicated to making a piece of art. Transformative and engaging. Supplies are inexpensive - paper, colored pencils, etc.

A Fletcher - Virtual participants - MRHS - constrained in terms of invitees and are programs archived?

Ron - limit on zoom account of 100. Yes, guest speakers will be archived on website.ff

Fern H. - Arc XVI Fort Wa.

Sponsor 3 senior centers and transportation in CB's 9-12

Senior center RFP - Charles Wohlberg - not accepted for Jackie Robinson Senior Ctr.

W. Hamer - Fern supported growth of HAS, we know her work, need quality providers. I support F. Hertzberg in bid.

Martin and Anthony - Wonderful Opportunity. Resolution adopted by committee sent to and, hopefully, approved by board.

Fern H. - March 28th Deadline. We have been contractor since 1973.

DFTA splits up proposals - Finance to finance; program plan to another dept.; Organization's experience and history to another. Analysis of units of service, staffing proposal and paperwork audit.

Anthony - Can address community at April meeting.

Martin - Speaks about leaving board to meet personal obligations. Will still be actively engaged in community issues and supporting seniors where he can.

Various statements of support from A Fletcher, Walter A., Fern H., Gail P., Annie P.

A Fletcher - Next month's agenda

Hope Fern will speak

propose - new business

Committee adopt proposal for letter of support for Arc XVI bid

W. Hamer to deliver presentation on joint fund raising for senior coalitions and advocacy orgs. - better way to achieve results in community for seniors

Zead Ramadan will also attend to speak re. Part 2 on senior coalition building

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Naomi Goldberg

Possibility of adding geriatric dr. for April or May

A. Fletcher - motion to adopt letter of support for ArcXVI Fort Washington Inc. to be supported by this committee formally in bid to sponsor Jackie Robinson Senior Center in Grant NYCHA Housing

Martin seconds. Passes unanimously

A F. - Old business - minutes from Feb 1

Motion to amend minutes to include material items and matters not included. Expand section on cancellation, etc.

redraft with modifications at later date.

Seconded by M. Wallace. Passes unanimously

We will follow up with Gail and Fern.

We will have only 3 members on the Senior Issues Committee starting in April.

Adjourn 1:00 PM