

SENIOR ACTION MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 1, 2024

In attendance: Hon. Walter T. Alexander, Hon. Carlton Davis, Hon. Lydia Gerson, Hon. Francina Wearing, Hon. Liz Eastman, Hon. Pat Watler-Johnson, Hon. Vanessa Caughman-Nesmith, Committee Members; Mr. Tony Gonzalez, Ms. Gail Powell, Ms. Patricia Devone, James Telleson and Miranda Lu (Columbia); Hon. Pat Caldwell (absent), Hon. Ernesto Graham, (absent).

I-Call to Order/Minutes Accepted-11:14am: Lydia Gerson/Vanessa Caughman-Nesmith
III-Discussion

Tony Gonzalez-Arts & Minds

- Not only programs for people with memory loss through art.. They're for people with memory loss (dementia) as well as their caregivers. They try to cultivate moments of engagement. We we've been doing these programs out of the Metropolitan Museum of Art for 15 years. And we also work out of other big cultural institutions like the Studio Museum. We're excited about starting again with the Studio Museum opens in a few months. Programs are held every Friday at Manhattan Build Center (Manhattanville Senior Center). As an educator, he is in contact with organizations and cultural centers who they can partnership with. I asked if they could do a mock presentation at the Senior Action meeting in the future.

Stanley Barrow-St. James Community Church (Elder)

- Spoke of how grateful it is to be senior (he is 74). He mentioned the trials and tribulations he went through growing up and how he overcame them. He would like to find a way to speak to the younger generation.

Alberto Roldan-MTA

- OMNY cards will be mailed out to seniors by the end of the year
- In addition to check cashing places, cards can now be refilled at your local pharmacies (Walgreens and CVS); and also at train stations
- Metrocards can still be used as there has been no decision of a cutoff date

IV-New Business

- **Community Needs meeting will be held October 16th at 6:30pm (Hybrid)**
- We cannot use George Bruce Library as they open at 12noon.
- To increase our senior attendance we will explore going to our senior center

V-Old Business

- Each committee member will receive 20 health bucks-see Eutha

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm. **Next meeting is November 12, 2024 at 11am via hybrid format.**