

## SENIOR ISSUES MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

In attendance: Hon. Martin Wallace, Hon. Walter T. Alexander, Hon. Anthony Fletcher, Ray Maclin (MCB9), William Hamer (Harlem Advocate for Seniors), Ameenah Muhammed, Iretha Fletcher, Cora Gilmore, Lorraine Wilbourne, Gail Powell, Alicia Barksdale, Lillian Doctor, Diedra McIntosh-Brown, Brenda Spivey-Nieves

Call to Order @11:14am

Adopted Minutes (none-waived)

Adopted Agenda

Discussion

Ms. Wilbourne, Ms. Mohammed, Mr. Hamer

- Elevator at Jackie Robinson Senior Center is not working
- Senior Center is run by the Wahlberg Organization
- Elevator must be operated by an attendant-no staff available to do this
- As such, meals and meal kits must be distributed outside
- Wahlberg is licensed under the Department for the Aging (DFTA)-Ms. Arthur not present today. We need DFTA to advise us why they are not responding to our multiple inquiries
- Wahlberg exec Ms. Carida Brown was invited to attend meeting on several occasions-has not replied to numerous requests
- Mr. Hamer suggests we start fresh and request Wahlberg attend next meeting. If no response this issue will be brought up to the Board Chair to intervene.
- If necessary, have the ADA notified
- New members needed at WeAct

Ms. Powell, Mr. Hamer

- Was concerned of a senior who fell in her apartment-was on the fifth floor for two days. Her nephew came and took her to the hospital.
- Wanted to know if there was a way that isolated seniors can be checked on occasionally
- Suggestion was for senior to register with a senior center-they will be reaching out to see if they are okay
- State Senator Robert Jackson has compiled a list of seniors in the community-it is a long list, and not sure if it is current
- Seniors can contact DFTA, or Mr. Hamer at (347) 698-8878 or [williamhamer73@gmail.com](mailto:williamhamer73@gmail.com)

Ms. Barksdale, Ms. Spivey-Nieves

- Elevators at 3333 Broadway are being replaced with new ones. The management won't repair the old ones since new ones are being installed. The building has 35 floors with numerous apartments on each floor. Sometimes there is only one elevator servicing the 35 floors. Management is working virtually-there is no one answering phones. This is a serious fire and safety hazard. Some suggestions were to file a show-cause order, contact the Attorney General's Office, and the various elected officials' offices

Name change of the Senior Issues Committee

- New name not voted on yet. Issue will be addressed at the Executive Committee meeting as it must be approved by MCB9 by-laws. Updates will be address at the October meeting.

Mr. Fletcher

- The dates for the upcoming budget hearings have not been determined yet. Mr. Fletcher advises the Committee to addend the hearings to put in requests for funds for projects in the community

Old business/New business-none

Meeting adjourned at 1:22pm. Next Senior Issues Meeting will be October 5, 2021 via Zoom