

**Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225**

**Minutes of the
Health and Social Services Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 07, 2016**

Attendees

- Francisca Leopold – Committee Chairperson
- Tessa Hackett-Viera- CB9
- Mary Rollerson-Blackett – CB9
- Warren Burke - CB9
- Charisse Lawrence- NYC Department of the Aging
- Amy Hendershot- Community Resident
- Debbie Timothy- Community Resident
- Benoit Le Chartier- Proxi Medical Urgent Care

Agenda Item 1: Representative from the NYC Department to the Aging

- Charisse Lawrence
- Department doesn't have jurisdiction over homes, that is the city and state Department of Health
- As of January, Adult Day Cares
- Signs outside of Senior Center will denote if it is funded by DFTA or not, if it is, they have to be accountable for how funds are utilized
- Information about programs and services offered can be found on the website, core are: Senior Centers, Case Management and Transportation services, recently took over a Bill Pay Program from the Council of Senior Centers and Services (Live on New York)
- Have outreach team that can come and make presentations
- Bureau of Community Services at DFTA oversees Senior Center Services, they also have to have sponsors

Agenda Item 2: Fenimore Senior Home Report

- Ms. Leopold reported for Maria Hernandez, who was out from an eye surgery earlier in the day
- Office is very small, space very cramped, there were 5 seniors from the community and nothing for them to do- they were sitting playing with their phones. They need funding for activities.

Agenda Item 3: Ebbets Field Senior Home Report

- Recreational and transportation are needed
- It is not DFTA funded
- Requested urgent help

Agenda Item 4: Public School 61 Report

- Middle School 61
- Sex Education programs will be reintroduced
- Health services is provided through the office of school health

Agenda Item 5: SUNY Downstate Medical Center

- Nothing reported/ waiting for a report from HSS to find out what our needs are for the community

Agenda Item 6: Senior Center Directors have agreed to work with us

- Ms. Leopold will get in touch with the Center Directors to schedule a visit.

Agenda Item 7: Put together a standard letter to send out to Block Association and churches regarding their Seniors needs

- Still in progress, Proxi Urgent Care Center can be included if they would like to

Agenda Item 8: Other Reports

- Blenman Senior Center
 - Ongoing problems with NYCHA
 - Case Management is not available
 - Would love to have a social worker
 - Requested weekend activities

Agenda Item 9: Put together a budget for 2016 to aid Senior Centers

- Borough President has a Capital Budget; therefore the Centers can reach out and request things and find out what is available and what need to be done to apply

Open Floor Discussion / Misc.**Inter-agency Councils**

- Brooklyn, the umbrella group, used to have 18, but members have diminished over the years
- People usually congregate once a month on the 4th Wednesday at Borough Hall
- Maria Alvarez is Executive Director of Brooklyn wide interagency council

Adult Day Care Centers

- Have to register with DFTA under Local Law 9 (last January)
- Privately funded

Proxi Urgent Care

- Now open on Bedford next to Ebbets Field
- Accepts major insurance carriers
- Advised to speak to church groups, PTAs and elected officials to market services

New Senior Recreation Center

- One option is to build at Grace Reformed Church
- More preferred option is to advocate for space reserved with the Brooklyn Armory

List of Community Organizations

- There needs to be an updated list of ALL community services (tenants associations, churches, block associations, youth services, schools, etc.)

Next Steps:**Senior Centers**

- Ms. Leopold to visit Senior Centers
- Ms. Leopold to let Senior Centers know that new services and information can be found on the DFTA website and that they should be checking often for updates
- Ms. Lawrence is to check on status of Ebbets Field, find out who is funding them
- Ms. Lawrence to ask about Blenmore Senior Center, if it has been brought to the Program Officer's attention that they have requested weekend activities
- Ms. Lawrence to find out about Crown Heights Inter-agency council

Brooklyn Armory:

- Put together plan for getting Senior space allotted

PS 61:

- Ms. Timothy and Ms. Hendershot will reach out to Lorraine Tichi of NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- Find out which schools we want to work with.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2016 – 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Francisca Leopold
Committee Chairperson
January 20, 2016**