

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 8
MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 AT RIVERDALE YM/YWHA**

PRESENT

**Omar Murray
Steve Froot
Tao Moran
Lisa Daub
Karen Pesce**

AFFILIATION

**Chair, Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
CB8-Committee member
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GUESTS

**Nicholas Circharo
Laura Spalter
Calvin Edwards
Audra Edwards
Debora Allen
Miriam Allei
Nina Mazzuca**

**Community Affairs Liaison, DSNY
CB8-Committee Chair, Environment and Sanitation
CB8-Community Resident
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ABSENT

Julia Gomez

CB8-Committee Member

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM. Introductions were made by attendees and Guests

No Previous Committee Minutes was available for approval by the Committee.

The Chair explained that at the beginning of the summer season in July a news report was done by Bronx 12 news on the issue of Rodents (rats) infestation of Netherland Ave in CB8 Community, The Chair further stated that the both the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) and the Department of Health (DOHMH) was contacted by the Board office .

The Chair stated that he spoke with a representative from DOHMH concerning Mayor de Blasio \$32 Million Rat Reduction Plan and was told that CB8 is not covered under this plan. Only Communities with a high extreme rate of rat is infestation is covered. Community members also stated that they were also affected by this infestation and that they have contacted 311 and reported the problems, and when DSNY comes to remove the garbage they were ticketed unfairly.

DSNY Community Liaison Nicholas Circharo explain that DSNY is willing to work with CB8 and our residents to decrease these problems by doing a cleanup day event and it is hard for DSNY to access private property without the owners approval to remove garbage that may present. The Chair stated that issue will not go away and that the topic will be placed back on the agenda for the next Committee meeting and the DOHMH representatives will be invited to the come and speak. CB8 Environment and Sanitation Committee Chair Laura Spalter stated this issue also affects her Committee and she is willing to work with our Committee, DSNY and DOHMH to reduce this rat infestation problem.

The Chair advises that committee meets every third Monday each month and the next meeting will be held on October 16, 2017 and the meetings is open to all residents and they should contact the board office for updates on all meetings related to CB8.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Murray, Chair
Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee