

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 19, 2014 AT THE BOARD OFFICE**

PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Sergio Marquez
Robert Press
Laura Spalter
Robert Spalter
Tom Durham
Kenny Agosto
Mark Hugel

CB8 Committee Chair
CB8 Committee member
CB8 Committee Vice Chair
Community Committee member

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. The minutes of the November 19, 2013 meeting were approved.

Discussion of Dog Droppings In and Around Waldo and Greystone

Avenues and Manhattan College Parkway

Tom Durham identified some of the areas where dog poop is most prevalent: 236 Street to 238 Street on Waldo Avenue, 3800 Dash Place, 3800 Greystone Avenue, and 4872 Manhattan College Parkway. The following suggestions were made to curb this problem: Create dog runs in Brust Park and/or in Brust Park Playground. The dog runs would accommodate all dogs except ferocious ones but big dogs and small dogs would not use the runs together. Some other suggestions were:

Forming an organization made up of residents of the community for the purpose of keeping their streets clear of dog feces. An organization of this nature was formed in Bronx Community Board II. The individuals of that organization placed guards around and benches in front of trees to deter dog owners from allowing

their dogs from defecating around the trees. Also, they put signs on the trees warning dog owners of the amount of the fine for not curbing their dogs. Also, they installed pooper scooper stations on those streets where dog dropping were most prevalent. They adopted a park and created a dog run that they monitor. Another suggestion was to develop a list of streets with the worst occurrence of dog poop and sent that list to the Riverdale Press and Review. Also write an eye sore column in the Riverdale Press addressing this problem and ask that the residents of the community attend our meeting in an effort to resolve this problem. Finally, the dog runs should have composting stations.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Hugel informed the Committee that the Riverdale County School is allowing drained water from their retention pond to seep into 252 Street and Post Road. This seepage of water is damaging private property, creating a hazard for traffic on the roads especially in freezing temperatures, degrades the local infrastructure and burdens city services. The Chair will follow up with this complaint.

The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday March 19, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Board's Office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergio Marquez, Chair
Environment & Sanitation
Committee