

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SANITATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 18TH, 2015 AT ST. STEPHEN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRESENT

Robert Fanuzzi
Laura Spalter
Bob Bender
Robert Spalter
Steve Balicer
Paul Ellis
Andrew Sandler
Tony Edwards
Lucy Mercado
Julian Sepulveda
Iggy Terranova
B. Beech
Rev. Nathaniel Dixon
David E. Patnalide
Mark Hugel

AFFILIATION

Committee Chair, CB8
Committee Vice Chair, CB8
Committee Member, CB
Community Committee Member
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rep. Councilman Cohen
rep. Councilman Rodriguez

DSNY
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St. Stephen's United Methodist Church
Riverdale Country School

The meeting was called to order at 7:30

- I. The minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2015 were approved by the unanimous vote of the committee.

- II. Report of the Chair:

R. Fanuzzi announced the annual board meeting of the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality to be held on March 18, in Manhattan College from 3-7. Members of the committee were urged to attend and to become educated about the local sites of Combined Sewer Overflow and effects on Harlem River water quality.

- III. Marble Hill Sanitation Issues

Committee discussed new and ongoing sanitation issues in the Marble Hill neighborhood. Complaints included illegal dumping on Tennason Avenue, dog waste, and overstuffed garbage cans on Broadway. Community residents present at the meeting called for DSNY enforcement to address persistent garbage and dog waste complaints in the Marble Hill area. Community Board was asked to request DSNY to provide extra enforcement of sanitation officers in the area of 225th to 228th Streets, from Marble Hill Terrace to Broadway between the hours of 8:30 and 11 a. m. and from 5:30 p. m.

DSNY representative I. Terranova confirmed that Teunisson Avenue is not serviced by DSNY. Committee will inquire further with surrounding property owners to determine ways to prevent illegal dumping in this area.

Marble Hill Housing residents repeated requests for more frequent garbage pick-up of overfilled waste bins on Broadway and Exterior Street.

IV. Marble Hill Clean Up

Tony Edwards of Councilman Rodriguez's office described plans for a Marble Hill neighborhood clean up. Date was tentatively set for Saturday May 31. Once Mr. Edwards established meeting dates and location, members of the E and S committee will attend and assist. DSNY officials emphasized that 6 week advance notice was required for the agency to supply the community with supplies for the clean up. Implements are picked up Thursday previous the scheduled day and dropped off the following Tuesday.

V. Riverdale Country School and 252/Post Road

Mr. Mark Hugel, area resident, described problems of water runoff on streets contiguous to Riverdale Country School. Water runoff from the school property is entering city streets and freezing in the gutter of the street; there is also water seepage through cracks in the street and water is present in Mr. Hugel's basement. This issue was previously investigated by the E and S committee in 2014.

Mr. David Patanaude, Director of Plant Operations of Riverdale Country School, described efforts by the school to change water management system on school property to comply with SNAD regulations pertaining to water runoff. Water management system was installed as part of DCP required plan for SNAD-governed school expansion. RCS has a large onsite drywell and a vernal pond with wetlands to handle water runoff. In 2012, the school initiated its plan to refit under DCP SNAD runoff regulations and installed in 2014 a hard pipe connection to the city sewer line/manhole. Mr. Patanaude hoped that the new hard pipe connection was redirecting water overflow directly to the sewer and invited Mr. Hugel to contact him should the problems persist. Members of the committee thanked both Mr. Hugel and Mr. Patanaude for their efforts to address the issue and asked that they return to the committee should the problem persist.

VI. Local sites for Green Infrastructure

Once the weather improves, committee will hold a walk through to determine recommendations to DEP for green infrastructure planning. Areas of interest include streets contiguous to Henry Hudson Bridge and Broadway.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Robert Fanuzzi, Chairman
Environment & Sanitation Committee