

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2013 AT WATER OF LIFE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

PRESENT

Sergio Marquez
Robert Press
Laura Spalter
Robert Spalter
Georgia Santiago
Pastor Carlos Franco
Donna James
Kathleen James
Rachel Taylor
Dan Kirby
Emily Brown
Michael Foman

AFFILIATION

CB8 Committee Chair
CB8 Committee member
CB8 Committee Vice Chair
Community Committee member
CB8
Water of Life Church

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

Chair's Report

An overview of the efforts made by the Committee re: resolving the sanitation concerns in Marble Hill was given: the Street Cleaning Event in 2012 and the cleaning of the dumping site underneath the Promenade's garage and the adjacent Metro North tracks. Some concerns that the Committee is working to resolve are rampant dog feces, lack of garbage cans and businesses are not cleaning in front of their stores.

SANITATION CONCERNS

Some members of the Green Thumb Garden, which is located between 239th and 246th streets on Independence Avenue, informed the Committee of the dangers of a pedestrian path, which is in front of their garden, which is bumpy and gets icy. This concern was referred to the Traffic and Transportation committee. Laura Spalter offered them some suggestions on getting rid of their waste, e.g. getting the Parks Department to provide gloves and black bags, putting their waste in the black bags then placing the black bags next to the garbage cans and finally contacting Community Board 8 that a cleanup took place and would need a garbage pick up. Pastor Franco said that he would use the members of the Youth Ministry to assist the residents of Marble Hill to clean up the dog feces that is prevalent on the street in front of his church. He would be willing to arrange a monthly clean-up. But he would need cleaning supplies. It was suggested that he contact the Department of Sanitation to get bags, and borrow brooms and rakes. Georgia Santiago stated that the two (2) garbage cans that were situated at the South East corner of 230th street on Broadway in front of the Marble Hill Houses and by the bus stop are missing. Also, the storm drains from 225th to 238th Streets on Broadway were clogged and have a bad odor. The Chair will look into these concerns.

There is a raccoon problem at the Promenade building. The raccoon population congregates around the walkway to the Promenade building terrifying the residents. This problem might have been created or exacerbated by leaning tree branches that belong to a private property next to the Promenade building. Another concern of the Promenade building is that there are trees, from private properties, that are leaning over the driveway to the Promenade garage.

The Chair will follow up with the concerns made by the residents of the Promenade building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergio Marquez, Chair
Environment & Sanitation
Committee