

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES HELD OCTOBER 30, 2013 AT KELLY RYANS RESTAURANT 5790 MOSHOLU AVENUE

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members: Sergio Marquez (E & S Chair), Laura Spalter (Vice Chair), Robert Press, Georgia Santiago, Rob Spalter (community member)

Other CB members: Maria Khury, (CB 8 Vice Chair)

Agency Representatives:

NYS DEC: Rodney Rivera, Jane O'Connell, Nigel Crawford, P.E.

NYS Dept. of Health: Stephanie Selmer

DEP: Effie Ardizzone

Others: Michael Blaustein, representing Senator Klein; Bryant Daniels, representing Assemblyman Dinowitz; Sarina Trangle, The Riverdale Press; Haydee Comacho, Riverdale Review; Tara McMaster, Broadway Community Alliance; Catherine O'Hara, Broadway Community Alliance, also approximately 60 members of the community (see scanned sign in sheets attached)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Chair's Report:

Minutes of the September 18th meeting were approved.

Progress has been made in Marble Hill. The Promenade Houses successfully cleaned up Teunissen Place. Last spring, the chair organized a tour around Promenade Houses with community board members, reps from MTA, Promenade Houses, and elected officials.

The latest cleanliness ratings from the Mayors office listed Community Board 8 as third in the Bronx.

The issue of rats and other vermin has been raised in regard to future plans for concessions on the Putnam Trail in Van Cortlandt Park.

AGENDA:

DEC Presentation on the Brownfield site located at 6469 Broadway

Jane O'Connell, Environmental Engineer and head of the Brownfield Remediation Program for the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Stephanie Selmer, Public Health Specialist from the NYS Department of Health reported on the remedial investigation results and proposed cleanup of 6469 Broadway.

Background: The NYS Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) is a voluntary program that uses tax credits and other incentives to partner with private sector developers to clean up brownfields. The DEC monitors the contractor. A Certificate of Completion must be issued by DEC before a Certificate of Occupancy can be issued by DOB.

From 1928 to 2013 the site was occupied by a gas station/car repair facility. As a result of environmental investigation between 2001 and 2009, the site was deemed contaminated, and a report was published in 2011. Supplemental soil and groundwater samples were collected from July, 2012 through May 2013. In April 2013 Selfhelp LLC entered BCP to clean up site.

Timeline: Remediation will begin in late November and will take approximately four months to complete.

Asbestos removal:

- The Contractor submitted a DEP filing; DEP has notification for the removal of asbestos containing material. Effie Ardizzone reported that this work has most likely been completed, but will check status.
- DEP will confirm that the contractor has completed the removal. Then the contractor can get a permit from DOB for the demolition of the existing structure.
- After that demolition the remediation process will begin.

Neighborhood Impacts:

- All contaminated soil will be excavated and taken to a licensed landfill in NJ.
- Trucks will follow established NYCDOT truck routes; Broadway to Van Cortlandt Park South to the Major Deegan. If residents see trucks on side streets they are to report it to 311 and request a complaint tracking number. Call Community Board 8 to relay the tracking number.
- Work will be conducted Monday-Friday, 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- Staging will take place within the site. Trucks will queue up on the East or Northbound side of Broadway and should not impact bus stops.
- **Air Quality:** DEC equipment will monitor air quality 24/7. The site must be watered continually to prevent dust. If residents observe any dust during this remediation phase, they are to call 311 and report unsafe work practice at Brownfield site and request a tracking number. Relay the tracking number to Community Board 8
- **Drinking Water:** No impact. NYC water supply system is not affected by ground water.

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Spalter, Vice Chair
Environment and Sanitation Committee