

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MAY 29, 2013, AT ST. STEPHEN'S UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

PRESENT

Sergio Marquez
Robert Fanuzzi
Robert Press
Laura Spalter
Robert Spalter

AFFILIATION

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

Guests

Reverend Nathaniel Dixon
Tony Edwards
Diana Fejerade
Sean Santiago

rep. Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

The minutes of the April 17, 2013 meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

Last Fall, Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez had a Town Hall Meeting and Bronx Community Board 8 was in attendance.

One of the concerns raised at that meeting was a strip of land underneath the garage of the Promenade building which had become a dumping site. This Committee took upon the task to clean up this site. It took six months and 30 bags of waste and debris to clean this site.

According to the superintendent of the Promenade this site had remained a dumping ground for years and had not been cleaned.

Also, we got Metro North to clean the tracks across from this site and they will continue to clean the tracks on a regular basis.

We want to thank the community liaison to Councilman Rodriguez, Tony Edwards and the President of the Promenade Tenants' Association Donna Jones for their assistance in getting this site cleaned up.

Presently, we are working on getting a wooden area that runs along Teunissen Place cleaned up since it has also become a dumping site.

Presentation by Ignazio Terranova, Citywide Community Affairs Officer of DSNY

Mr. Terranova discussed the possible solutions to the sanitation concerns raised at the April 10, 2013, Town Hall Meeting held in Marble Hill re: dog owners not picking up after their dogs and the trash cans are constantly overflowing.

As to the negligent dog owners, Mr. Terranova said that the best solution to this problem is public awareness of the pooper scooper law. He stated that the signs warning residents of the consequences for violating the pooper scooper law are not a real deterrent. He further stated that ticketing dog owners caught in the act of violating the pooper scooper law can be difficult since a DSNY officer cannot force a dog owner to produce identification in order to issue that person a summons. Finally, Mr. Terranova said that dog runs are not a cure to this problem since dog owners usually take their dogs outside of these runs to have their necessities done.

As to resolving the issue of the trash cans constantly overflowing, Mr. Terranova said that recycle bins can be placed in the community but the residents and the business owners would have to maintain them. DSNY would have public awareness programs in Marble Hill regarding recycling before instituting same in the community.

Budget Requests Discussion

Mr. Terranova indicated that the number one need for DSNY would be to reinstate sanitation district officers or promote officers. The second need would be to re-institute the manual street cleaning crews. The third and fourth requests would be the same as the requests made in 2014 regarding the need for the Dual-Bin Trucks for Recycling and staffing for same.

New Business

Bob Fanuzzi informed the Committee of the concerns raised by Gary Axelbank regarding the debris from the construction at the Jerome Park Reservoir. The Chair will follow up with Nicole Stent to see if these concerns have been resolved and, if not, we will focus on resolving these concerns at the next Committee meeting.

Old Business

Tony Edwards and Rev. Nathaniel Dixon raised concerns that were initially raised at the April 10, 2013, Town Hall Meeting i.e, not enough garbage cans and a need for a slow zone.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at a place to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergio Marquez, Chair
Environment & Sanitation Committee