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Environmental Justice & Sanitation Committee Minutes

March 19th, 2025

Cesar Yoc, Committee Chairperson

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Introductions and Personal Preferences for the Environment

- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc opens the meeting, asking participants to introduce themselves and share what they like about the environment.
- Community Associate Diana Leonard from the Bronx Community Board 1 enjoys the transition from cold to warm weather.
- Elijah Rodriguez, Vice Chair of the Environmental Justice & Sanitation committee, likes the change from summer to winter.
- John Sanchez, Secretary, appreciates small environmental details like mushrooms and moss.
- Alexis Leah from the Bronx Documentary Center enjoys warm weather and parks.
- Brandon Cardio from the Bronx Documentary Center likes birds in the morning and afternoon.
- Daniella from the Bronx Documentary Center also enjoys listening to birds and seeing trees.
- Jack from the Bronx Documentary Center likes parks, especially when they are clean and have nice trees and sun.
- Evan Washington, a concerned community member, also enjoys parks.
- Anthony Jordan, District Manager of the Community Board, appreciates the unpredictability of the environment and its changes.

Cleanup Updates and Earth Day Celebration

- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc announces a community board cleanup and Earth Day celebration on April 12.
- Cleanup locations include the 138th Street corridor, Willis Avenue playground, and Roberto Clemente Plaza.
- Bronx Blooming will clean up tree pits and plant trees at 149th Street and Jackson Avenue.
- The event aims to emphasize the importance of Earth Day and cleaning the environment.
- The slogan for the committee is "A Green Corpse is a Clean Earth."
- The committee was formed two years ago to address environmental injustices and climate justice in Community Board 1.
- Six organizations will participate in the cleanup, including Third Ave Bed, S.Bros Night, Bronx Blooming, New Yorkers for Parks, AOC team, and St. Mary's Park.

Community Participation and Media Efforts

- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc emphasizes the importance of community participation in the cleanup.
- Media efforts will be made to encourage more community members from Community Board 1 to join the cleanup.
- Flyers will be posted on social media and distributed at churches.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan congratulates the committee for addressing environmental and sanitation issues and supports the committee's work.
- The committee aims to make the cleanup a recurring event, ideally happening multiple times a year.
- The committee will also focus on community gardens and growing vegetables.

Equitable Resource Distribution and Advocacy

- Ebony Washington asks about the equitable distribution of resources across communities.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the importance of reporting issues to the community board and participating in district service cabinet meetings.
- The committee aims to hold agencies accountable for equitable resource distribution.
- The community board will continue to advocate for more resources and services for the district.
- The committee will also focus on educating the community about the importance of keeping the environment clean.

Green Corpse Projects and Poop Map Initiative

- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc introduces the CB1 Green Corpse projects, including community garden cleanups and workshops.
- The committee will discuss and plan these projects via email and other communication methods.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc presents the "poop map" initiative, a survey to map dog feces in the community.
- The survey aims to gather data to show the city the extent of the problem and advocate for more resources.
- The committee will use the data to present to city agencies and push for policy changes.

Challenges and Systemic Issues

- Speaker 6 questions why the cleanup initiative is starting now and the long-term issues with street conditions.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc explains that the committee is relatively new and the initiative is a response to long-standing issues.
- The committee aims to pressure politicians and agencies for more resources and better services.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan adds that the committee is focused on decentralizing essential services to ensure equitable resource distribution.
- The committee will continue to advocate for the community's needs and hold agencies accountable.

Final Remarks and Adjournment

- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc and District Manager Anthony Jordan emphasize the importance of community participation and advocacy.
- The committee will continue to plan and execute cleanups and other projects.
- The meeting adjourns with a motion from John Sanchez and seconded by Cesar Yoc.

Action Items

- Promote the April 12th community cleanup and Earth Day celebration at the next general board meeting.
- Provide hazardous material removal training for volunteers interested in helping with needle cleanup prior to the April 12th event.
- Communicate the date for the hazardous material removal training at the next general board meeting.