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Environmental Justice & Sanitation Committee Minutes

October 15th, 2025

Cesar Yoc, Committee Chairperson

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Introductions and Meeting Setup

- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc calls the meeting to order, introduces himself as the chair of the environmental justice and sanitation committee, and mentions the date and time.
- Javier Marshawn from South Bronx Unite shares his love for the Bronx, highlighting its resiliency and diversity.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan, district manager, emphasizes the Bronx's resiliency and his pride in being part of the community.
- Community Associate Diana Leonard from the Bronx Community Board discusses her love for the South Bronx area and its constant new developments.
- Ben Engle from the Third Avenue bid mentions his love for the food in the Bronx.

New Business: New York Power Authority Events

- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc discusses the New York Power Authority's (NYPA) plans for two events in the district: one in December for older adults and one in the spring for youth.
- The December event will focus on renewable energy and environmental justice, while the spring event will teach youth about sustainability and renewable energy.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc mentions the challenges of organizing multiple events due to NYPA's busy schedule.
- The December event will likely be held at Metropolitan College, with a focus on adults, while the spring event will feature the Bio Bus and Solar Bus for youth.
- A resident inquires about the goals of these outreach events, and Cesar Yoc confirms that the primary goal is education.

Challenges and Opportunities in Renewable Energy

- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc discusses the challenges posed by the current administration's stance on climate change and funding cuts for renewable energy projects.
- He mentions the impact of these cuts on solar and wind projects in Long Island and the uncertainty it creates.
- Despite these challenges, NYPA is still pushing for more renewable energy in New York City and other state areas.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc highlights the need for education on renewable technology and its limitations, as well as the infrastructure challenges posed by electric cars and charging stations.
- He suggests that concentrated renewable energy for mass transportation might be a better solution than spreading infrastructure.

Community Cleanup Initiatives

- Benjamin Engel discusses a recent cleanup on Willis Avenue, highlighting the deep-seated trash problem and the satisfaction of cleaning up.
- The cleanup was a small group effort, but plans are in place to make it a monthly series with more community participation.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc mentions the goal of having more community members involved in the cleanups to create a local effort.
- The next cleanup is scheduled for October 18, with a focus on Third Avenue and 149th Street.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc discusses the idea of promoting cleanups on social media to attract more community participation.

Research and Data Gathering on Sanitation Issues

- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc mentions a meeting with City College to gather data on sanitation issues in the neighborhood, including hot spots for illegal dumping.
- The data will be used to create a map and analyze the conditions in the district.
- The goal is to have a charrette to discuss the findings and come up with solutions for sanitation issues.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc suggests involving waste management companies in the discussion to address the business side of sanitation.
- The charrette is planned for next year, with the goal of creating a community plan to address sanitation issues.

Old Business and Committee Membership

- District Manager Anthony Jordan sets a deadline for those interested in joining the committee, emphasizing the importance of community involvement.
- He highlights the committee's role in pushing for environmental justice and holding administrations accountable.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses the committee's history and its efforts to address environmental injustices in the South Bronx.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc mentions the committee's work on various initiatives, including the NYPA events, the cleanup, and the City College research project.
- The committee is also working on getting more people involved to help with different projects.

Community Engagement and Activation of Public Spaces

- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses the importance of community engagement and the role of the committee in activating public spaces.
- He mentions the efforts to reactivate Roberta Clemente Square and the need for a friends group to manage the space.
- The committee is working on programming the square to ensure consistent use and prevent it from becoming a place for people to live on the streets.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc emphasizes the need for more open spaces in the Bronx and the importance of using existing spaces effectively.
- The committee is also supporting South Bronx Unite's efforts to create more greenery and recreational spaces in the district.

Dog Waste Management and Community Gardens

- A resident proposes installing more dog stations in community gardens to address dog waste issues.
- The idea is to have dog stations at every garden, similar to those at NYCHA projects.
- The committee is also considering installing tree guards to protect trees from dog waste and urine.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan mentions the Department of Sanitation's efforts to provide more dog waste bags and the importance of education on proper disposal.
- The committee plans to organize an event in the spring to install dog stations and tree guards, involving the community in the process.

Final Remarks and Next Steps

- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc calls for any final comments or motions from the participants.

- A resident introduces himself and expresses interest in working with the committee on solid waste management and zero waste initiatives.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan provides information on how to apply to become a public member of the committee and the deadline for applications.
- The meeting is adjourned, with participants encouraged to stay engaged and involved in the committee's efforts.

Action Items

- Contact NYPA to continue planning the December educational event.
- Coordinate with Anthony Jordan and others to secure a venue and date for the NYPA December event.
- Organize the next community cleanup scheduled for October 18th.
- Follow up with City College on the sanitation mapping project and next steps.
- Reach out to the Department of Transportation (DOT) to discuss adding more trees and dog waste stations in the community.