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## February 14, 2013 Sanitation & Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Tony Signorile, Chair; Junior Campbell; Arlene Drayton; Robert Potter; John Squitieri; Tony Vitaliano, Ex-Officio.

ABSENT: Pat Dolan.

GUEST(S): Ignazio Terranova, DSNY Community Affairs Liaison; Joe Bombace, CB 11 Member.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:10 PM.

Meeting began with introduction of guest, Ignazio Terranova of the DSNY

### **DSNY New Laws & Initiatives and Other Issues:**

- Starting this spring, all plastic items will be recycled. All plastics that were previously considered non-recyclable will be accepted (including peanut butter jars and deli containers).
- Plans are in place for a Pilot Composting Program in Staten Island. If it works, it will be implemented citywide, residential first and then commercial.
- All uses of Styrofoam will be eliminated within the next few months. Alternative use will be plastic air bubble packing for electronics and furniture.
- Beginning in September, leaf recycling will be re-implemented.
- There will be a DSNY entry exam in fall 2013. The Board will be notified when the applications are available. Positions with DSNY do not require a college degree.

### **Garbage Dumping at Parkside Houses**

Arlene Drayton stated that individuals residing at 3008 Olinville Avenue have been observed 'dumping' their garbage on NYCHA property. Mr. Terranova explained that the only time DSNY considers a situation as 'dumping' is when someone in a car is dropping off garbage. Otherwise, the situation is considered 'littering'. Mr. Terranova advised that the time of day or night of the occurrence needs to be established before DSNY can investigate and issue a summons.

### **Vehicles without Plates Parked on 3200 Block of Hering Avenue**

Junior Campbell has filed previous complaints concerning this situation. The cars are parked near Royal Coach Diner (3260 Boston Road). Mr. Terranova stated that DSNY cannot act unless the car is damaged or destroyed. NYPD must investigate first and tow the car.

### **Summonses for 1140 Adee Avenue**

Bob Potter has been issued a number of summonses for littering. Mr. Potter disputed the time of day (routing times) that the summonses were issued. There are multiple summonses for the same offense. Mr. Potter also provided pictures to further dispute the description on the summons.

### **Furniture Stores - 668 and 1084 Morris Park Avenue**

- Complaints filed concerning overflow of furniture on sidewalk. A question was posed as to if there regulations? Mr. Terranova answered “yes” with the following explanation:

Unless there is a 'No Visibility' Order, the store owner is allowed 3 feet from the building line to display furniture on sidewalk. Owner can apply for an extension. Also, whatever the store owner sells inside the store, the same kind of merchandise must be sold outside.

- Deliveries - allowed 20 to 30 minutes to unload furniture and clear sidewalk (sometimes can be allowed up to one hour).
- Bobby Ruggiero, President of Morris Park BID, spoke with store owner and suggested that the owner rent a warehouse to store the extra furniture. Store owner asked for a reprieve of 3 months to locate a warehouse, but this request cannot be honored because the store owner has already received summonses from DSNY for non-compliance.
- Invitation was extend to the store owner to attend this meeting to discuss this situation. However as of 8:00 PM, the store owner was a 'no show'.
- Suggestion was made to check with Bobby Ruggiero to ascertain if the store owner is a member of the Merchants Alliance. Perhaps the Alliance can work out a solution with the store owner.

### **Visit to Community Board 12 Sanitation Meeting**

Arlene Drayton requested to attend this meeting because her neighborhood is covered by both CB11 and CB12. Information obtained from CB12 can benefit CB11 also. Tony Signorile agreed.

### **New Business**

- DEP literature was distributed to committee members concerning Water Line Service Protection Programs for Homeowners.

Motion was made by Tony Vitaliano to adjourn, seconded by John Squitieri.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Minutes Taken by Arlene Drayton.