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ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE

Chair:	Betty Arce
Meeting Date:	February 3, 2022
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Members In Attendance:	✓ Betty Arce ✓ Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky ✓ Jean Hill ✓ Rosalie Leslie __ Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed
Minutes done by:	Betty Arce

Minutes:

I) Introductions

II) Review of previous minutes

- a) Minutes reviewed and approved

III) New Business

a) DSNY Updates

i. Stephen Caruso

1. Good news, only 10% reduction in staff (due to COVID) so services are getting back to almost normal levels.
2. DSNY issued 30 violations for snow removal during last snow event
3. 10 Snow laborers have been assigned to CB 7
4. [Clean Curb program](#) in conjunction with DOT and working with BIDS aimed at commercial businesses. Seeking more BIDS to participate.

b) YouTube video on innovative waste management in Amsterdam, Holland – “[We Have No Garbage Day in Amsterdam!](#)”

c) DEP Updates

i. Effie Ardizzone

1. New DEP commissioner appointed by Mayor Adams, Rohit Aggarwala, will be chief climate officer.
2. NYS is offering a [Low Income Household Water Assistance Program \(LIHWAP\)](#), through which eligible homeowners could receive up to \$5,000 to resolve overdue water bills. Unlike DEP’s HWAP program, which



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customers do not have to apply for, NYS is asking people to apply here: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/water-assistance/>. New York City homeowners may be eligible for financial assistance to help pay overdue water bills, thanks to a new NYS program. The New York State Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is offering eligible homeowners a one-time payment of up to \$5,000 to resolve overdue water bills. NYS is now accepting applications for this program. To learn more, or to apply, visit otda.ny.gov/lihwap

d) Comments & concerns

- i. We were joined by Karen Argenti of [Bronx Council for Environmental Quality](#) as well as Pooi Stewart from BX CB 5
- ii. Community members raised concerns about:
 1. Snow removal (or lack thereof) at street corners with pedestrian ramps. Specific locations will be shared with Steve Caruso for future actions during snow events
 2. Trash conditions at various commercial properties where property owners are not properly containing the garbage or leaving trash out for multiple days before it is collected by their trash contractor. Again specific locations will be shared with Steve Caruso for follow up.

IV) Next meeting date – April 5, 2022

V) Discussion on next agenda - TBD

VI) Adjournment