



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE

Chair:	Betty Arce
Meeting Date:	April 5, 2022
Meeting Time:	7 pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/ceAXmWwG-zE
Members In Attendance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Hill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosalie Leslie <input type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowell Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hugo Gonzalez
Minutes done by:	Betty Arce

Minutes:

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of previous minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)**
- IV. New Business**
 - A. GrowNYC

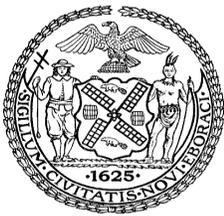
1. Stop & Swap Presentation – Maeve McGee

- a) Free community events where the public is invited to bring clean, reusable, portable items such as clothing, housewares, games, books, & toys that are no longer need, and take home something new-to-you, free. GrowNYC provides staff, equipment, and will haul away any items remaining.
- b) Looking for a space in CB 7 to conduct this event, may be indoors or outdoors. Committee members suggested locations such as Tracey Towers and Williamsbridge Oval Park.

THIS MEETING’S MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, CONTACT US AT:

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2. Norwood Farmstand Presentation – Isabel Ozkan Jordan
 - a) GrowNYC trains and employs young people to sell fresh, affordable food in neighborhoods across NYC. The food sold at Farmstands is grown by farmers in the Northeast and sourced through GrowNYC Wholesale.
 - b) GrowNYC Farm Stands were formerly known as Youthmarkets.
 - c) Farmstand located at East Gunhill Road & DeKalb Ave.
 - d) Year-round Market Hours, July - Nov: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Market Hours, Dec - June: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 - e) Compost Program: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Community may bring their food scraps to the farm stand.
 - f) Compost Giveback offers free locally-made compost to the community. [Click Here](#) to see Schedule:
 - (1) Norwood Farmstand Compost Flyer- Español:
<https://bit.ly/37Tlv2f>
 - (2) Norwood Farmstand Compost Flyer- English:
<https://bit.ly/3twi6ig>

B. DEP Updates

1. NYers with delinquent water bills are encouraged to apply for water bill assistance up to \$5000.
2. Rain barrel giveaway for private homeowners. Contact CB 7 office for more information
3. DEP Hiring Rain garden maintenance workers as seasonal city park workers –
 - a) Salary: \$16.63 p/hr. — 40 hr. work week
 - b) nyc.gov/careers: job ID #[518491](#)- [Rain Garden Maintainer](#)



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C. Summary of 3/23/22 Rat Academy Training attended by CB 7 board member Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky

1. Upcoming trainings: <https://on.nyc.gov/3xNQ9Vt>

D. Motion - Letter to City Council supporting the restoration and expansion of the Curbside Organic collection program and ensuring that new residential buildings in CB 7 participate in an organics collection program as mandated by the City.

V. **Next meeting date:** [May 3, 2022 at 7 pm](#)

VI. **Discussion on next agenda - TBD**

VII. **Adjournment**