



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



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ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE

Chair:	Betty Arce
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gwen Thomas Steed <input type="checkbox"/> Rosalie Leslie <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Alvarado <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Marlin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Hill
Minutes done by:	Betty Arce

Minutes:

- I) Introductions**
 - a) The meeting started at 6:40 PM
 - b) Attendance taken
 - c) Reading of Guidelines for *ZOOM* video/teleconference Meetings
- II) Review of previous minutes (If applicable)**
- III) Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)**
- IV) New Business**
 - a) Sanitation Issues
 - 1) Community board outreach efforts: The committee chair described our first outreach event conducted on January 22, 2012. Board Chair Emmanuel Martinez, Barbara Stronczer, and Committee Chair Betty Arce visited shops and stores along East 204th Street, from Webster Avenue to East 206th & Bainbridge, disseminating literature on how to avoid violations and engaging store owners and staff on the importance of maintaining clean sidewalks. Overall, reaction was very positive, and we hope to continue in other commercial areas as soon as the weather permits.



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b) BX Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB) – Alex Spatz, Deputy Director, Planning & Development, Office of the BX Borough President

- 1) Created in 1989 under Local Law 19, the SWAB advances ideas, insights, and initiatives to achieve NYC's Zero Waste x 2030 goal. Each borough is required to establish a volunteer citizens' advisory board dedicated to helping the borough contribute to New York City's zero waste goals.**
- 2) BX SWAB is being reinstated after a hiatus of a few years beginning with an inaugural zoom meeting on 1/27/21 attended by the Committee Chair.**
- 3) BX SWAB is finalizing its by-laws and the advisory board will be open to individuals and groups interested in helping achieve zero waste goals for the borough. These activities may include efforts to implement composting, recycling, green roofs, and taking a holistic and proactive approach to environmental policy.**
- 4) Several community members and environmental activists expressed interest in participating in the BX SWAB. We hope this will invigorate the advisory board and help Bronx climate activists create a zero-waste strategy similar to what is being done in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens.**

c) CB 7 Capital Budget

- 1) Committee reviewed and discussed agency feedback to CB 7 items on sanitation and formulated draft responses that will be further elaborated and finalized for submission with responses from other board committees.**

V) Next meeting date: Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021

VI) Discussion on next agenda



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VII) Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm.