



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



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## ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE

<b>Chair</b>	Betty Arce
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2019
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky <input type="checkbox"/> SM Shah Mahmood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gloribel Vega <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Karman
<b>Minutes Done By:</b>	Betty Arce

**Minutes:**

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month’s minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
- IV. New Business**
  - a. Review and discussion of WEDG Draft Resolution
    1. Committee members offered edits to the resolution, which would be further edited by Alex Karman.
  - b. Committee voted unanimously to approve the following motion with edits:
    1. Motion: Bronx community board 7 supports the waterfront edge design guidelines standard for New York city for all waterfront projects  
 Edgar Cisneros – Environmental Legislation Update  
 City level
  - c. Dirty buildings Bill (1253-2018) (Constantinescu sponsored) & 1252-2018 (Cohen sponsored)
    1. Vote scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>
    2. Enough votes in the city council
    3. Importance for CB 7
      - Mandates retrofitting 50,0000 largest city buildings in the Bronx, to reduce pollution by 2030, 2040, 2050 & provides financing
      - Mandates minimum 50% of electricity in NYC from renewable sources
    4. State Level



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- Climate & Community Protection Act – (S2992/A3876)
  - Not included in state budget
  - Enough votes in Senate (including Bailey)
  - Assembly close to receiving needed votes
  - To be taken up in the upcoming legislative session
  - Importance to CB 7
    - Codifies mandatory reduction of carbon dioxide emissions to net zero by 2050
    - Mandates minimum 50% of electricity in NYS from renewable sources
    - Would provide financing to zip codes like CB7. How?
      - Establishes a working group to identify communities most impacted by climate change and allocates resources to provide resilience funding and opportunities (i.e. asthma rates, heat traps, assistance for HVAC improvements)
- d. Plastic bag ban status:
1. Banned as of March 2020
  2. Places a 5 cents fee on paper, subject to county opt-out. NYC council has to vote to opt in by March 2020
  3. All retailers are included except for restaurants
- e. Congestion pricing status:
1. Passed, included in budget
  2. Places a toll for driving in congested areas below 60th Street in Manhattan
  3. Importance for CB7
    - Provides money needed for improvements for MTA
    - Likely to yield air quality benefits by reducing idling & number of cars traversing the city
    - Will likely improve/lower asthma rates throughout the borough
- f. City Council legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2050



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1. Int. No. 1253 – Establish the Office of Building Energy Performance & expend retro-commissioning requirements to certain buildings over 25,000 square feet
2. Int. No 1252 - Establish a sustainability energy loan program to provide certain building owners with funding for the installation of renewable energy systems or energy efficient improvements.

**V. Discussion on next month's agenda**

**VI. Next month's meeting date:** Tuesday, May 7, 2019

**VII. Adjournment** – Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm