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Environment & Sanitation Committee

Chair	Betty Arce
Meeting Date:	Thursday, November 8, 2018
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky <input type="checkbox"/> SM Shah Mahmood <input type="checkbox"/> Gloribel Vega <input type="checkbox"/> Monique Weston <input type="checkbox"/> Gloria Dapaah <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Karman
Minutes Done By:	Betty Arce

Minutes:

I. Review of last month’s minutes

II. Introductions

III. Follow-up from previous month

- a) Bronx Animal Shelter – The City Council has approved the Bartow Avenue site for a new state of the art animal shelter despite stiff opposition from some residents of near-by Co-op City. In addition to providing much needed shelter space for homeless and abandoned animals, it will bring employment, educational and volunteer opportunities to Bronx residents.

IV. New Business

- a) Status of DSNY Curbside Organics Program – In the absence of DSNY Organics Outreach staff, the Chair provided an update on the program.
 - 1. DSNY opened up the program to Bronx residents in February 2018. Through the service, food waste, food-soiled paper and yard waste is collected from residents and turned into useful products such as compost or renewable energy.
 - 2. The DSNY has halted expansion of the program that was scheduled to serve all New Yorkers by the end of 2018.
 - 3. This will not affect any of the residents currently served with organic recycling collection.
 - 4. Only 10% of the organic waste produced by the current participants in the program is getting collected. The other 90% is not being sorted which means it ends up in landfills along with regular trash.



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5. There is still come confusion as to what goes into the organics bin so the DSNY is embarking on an intensive outreach in neighborhoods being currently served in order to grow participation.
6. The city's plan to expand will be on a stand-by basis until the DSNY releases an updated expansion plan.

b) Some community members inquired about the collection of leaves from street trees and received brown paper leaf bags for that purpose. The dates for collection for residents of CB 7 are Saturday, November 17th & Saturday, December 1. Residents are to set out paper bags or unlined containers after 4 pm on the dates indicated above.

V. Next month's meeting date: TBA (pending if there will continue to be a combined meeting with Public Safety & QOL).

VI. Discussion on next month's agenda: TBA

VII. Adjournment