



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



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FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

SANITATION/ENVIRONMENT MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 9, 11 6:30 PM

I) Environmental Issues:

A) Goulden Avenue traffic changes due to the Croton Filtration plant installation of water mains:

A presentation was made by Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) representatives and Martha H. Holstein of Strategic Urban Solutions, Inc. on the first phase (July 1, 2011 to November 30, 2011) of the project. Water main connections are being made to existing pipes on Goulden Avenue across from the Bronx High School of Science. AS a result of this work, Goulden Avenue will be closed to all traffic when school closes for the summer. It is anticipated that the two way road will be opened again when school reopens in September 2011. During the summer when there will be the most drilling and noise, the work will be done during daytime hours. In September, when the road is re-opened, the work will be done at night to have minimal impact on the traffic and the students at the Bronx High School of Science which is the closest building to where the work is being done. To ensure the safety of the pedestrians and drivers, there will be six traffic agents working at four different locations, in two different shifts. Residents that have concern/complaints should contact the Community Board office.

B) Fire hydrant issues/concerns:

The Community Board office has sprinkler caps that are available for installation on the Fire Hydrants. The Fire Department may also have them. Whether you receive your sprinkler cap from the Board office or the Fire Department, please call the Fire Department at (718) 430-0227; ask for Chief Sullivan to set up an installation of the cap. Please remember that It is illegal to open fire hydrants. Open hydrants can be dangerous because of the problems with water pressure when hydrants are allowed to run without caps on them. To date this year, there have not been a lot of complaints about open hydrants. The community needs to call 311 if they see an open hydrant.

C) Flooding of Kazimiroff Boulevard:

The study of the flooding problem on Southern Boulevard (Dr. Theodore Kazimiroff Blvd.) near the ball fields, has been completed by the DEP. The DEP will be responsible for remediation of the problem but the issue now is to find a way to do that where the environmental concerns are taken into account. Best Management practices (water pollution control) must be carefully considered. These concerns are due to the fact that the areas that flood, contain oil and other pollutants that should not be drained back into the nearby water sources. It was reported that more time is needed to find a resolution that all can agree is best for the area environmentally. The New York Botanical Gardens will be very involved in any of the discussions and decisions on this problem.



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D) Noise Pollution:

Car Alarm complaints have been on the increase lately. If you can supply the license plate, that can help 311 to track down the offending car.

II) Sanitation Issues:

A) Re-fashion NYC-recycling of clothing:

NYC has launched a new program that will be starting in apartment houses first and then spread to public institutions. The Chair suggested that our larger buildings such as Tracey Towers or Scott Towers might be interested in having a donation box installed in their buildings. A large deposit box is installed in the building and donations of clothing, shoes, accessories linens or towels can be donated. The donations help reduce NYC waste and 100% of the proceeds fund lifesavings services for low income homeless New Yorkers and New Yorkers living with or affected by HIV/AIDS. This project could help the environment as well as encouraging a sense of community for the residents. The only responsibility of the building would be to call when the box is full to have it emptied.

B) P.S. 94 Alternate side of the street parking change request update:

The request to have alternate side street parking reduced from four times weekly near the school has been initially turned down. The reason was that the proximity to Montefiore Hospital with the huge influx of traffic daily would make keeping the area clean much harder with a reduced schedule. There is an appeal process that will be explored. The committee discussed the balancing of the issues in the area; that parking is a real problem but that sanitation issues are also a concern.

C) Request made in May to reduce alternate side of the street parking around Tracey Towers:

It was reported that Tracey Towers expressed a desire to also reduce their alternate street parking at the last Monthly meeting at their building in May due to the parking problems of the residents. This information was shared with the Sanitation District Manager but it was agreed that the P.S. 94 issue would need to be addressed first. The District Manager stated that Tracey Towers is an extremely high traffic area and that did not make the area a good choice for a reduced schedule.

III) Meeting Adjourned