



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK

## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

## SANITATION/ENVIRONMENT MEETING MINUTES

### Thursday, September 15, 2011 @ 6:30 PM

#### I) Environmental Issues:

A) Toxic chemical Trichloroethene (TCE) found at P.S. 51, The Bronx New School building at 3200 Jerome Avenue, with the entrance on Van Cortlandt Avenue East.

1. Update on the issues:

Marcela Torres spoke on behalf of the P.S. 51 Contamination Campaign. The parents of P.S. 51 have formed a group to address the issues around the toxic chemical found at the school. Their role is to ensure the health and safety of the children who were exposed to TCE at the school. She spoke about her concerns as a parent for the children and what the next steps to be taken were. The children are now housed in a different school, St . Martin of Tours. It was reported that the next meeting of the group would be at the Concourse House on September 21 at 6:30.

2. Status of the building:

The chair reported that the site has been designated by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) as a "P" site. This designation with the "P" meaning potential, allows this area to be given more testing and government assistance. This board will stay apprised of all testing that is conducted at the building and the recommendations that are made.

3. Community Board role and response-

NYC has a current law that the landlord must inform current residents when toxic chemicals are found in their building. It is called a Tenant Notification law, this must be done in writing. The building is currently empty, it is also expected that if a tenant rents such a location, that the landlord must also disclose the information as well.

#### B) Flooding issues

1. How we fared during the hurricane:

The manhole problem that involves Con Ed on Mosholu Parkway is still an issue. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be contacted for follow-up.

#### II) Sanitation Issues:

##### A) Curb your dog signage update:

Outstanding issue decals still needed for the new school annex at P.S.94 on Kings College Place. The list will be updated and resubmitted for decals.

##### B) New business:

It was reported that the wastebaskets on Bedford Park between Jerome Avenue and Paul Ave have been removed. Both Lehman College and the Department of Sanitation (DOS) will be contacted for follow-up.

#### III) Meeting adjourned