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SANITATION / ENVIRONMENT MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 13, 2011 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Environmental Issues:
- A) Toxic chemical Trichloroethene (TCE) found at The Bronx New School (P.S.51) building at 3200 Jerome Avenue.
 - 1) Update on meeting with Councilman Oliver Koppell and State Senator Gustavo Rivera and the P.S.51 Contamination Campaign:
 - a) The P.S. 51 Parents Contamination Campaign and I met on October 10th at Councilman Koppell's office to discuss our concerns and plans. The testing of the toxic site and a proposed health registry were discussed. Both elected officials were very responsive to our concerns and offered assistance.
 - 2) Update on the issues with NYS DEC:
 - a) The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will take the lead in testing and evaluating the P.S.51 site. A letter has gone out to the landlord to give him an opportunity to arrange for the testing. If he does not wish to initiate the testing, the DEC will start the process in another month. The testing will be thorough, both the soil and the water will be tested.
 - 3) With the closing of the Bronx New School, a concern was raised that we are losing a school in the district.
 - 4) We discussed looking into the number of other leased schools in the CB 7 area. A follow-up on how many have been tested for toxins will be done.
 - B) Flooding Issues:
 - 1) A walk-through will be scheduled to discuss and plan for the manhole flooding problem on Mosholu Parkway. William Diaz, of Councilman Koppell's office, The NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Con Edison, the Parks Department and the Department of Transportation (DOT) will be included.
 - 2) Good news! The area near the overpass on E. 204th Street has been repaved. We hope it may help the ponding (pooling of water on the road) problem that we had in the past.
 - 3) We have been informed that meeting is being held between (DEP) and the New York Botanical Gardens regarding the flooding issues on Theodore Kazimiroff Boulevard. A request was made by the District Manager that the Board be kept informed of any meetings or progress on the issue.
 - C) New Business:
 - 1) The issue of an Animal Shelter came up and there was much discussion of the need for services whether or not we have a shelter in the borough. Due to the passage of a new bill in the City Council, more money will be allocated for the receiving centers and existing shelters but it is no longer mandatory that each borough have their own shelter. This board was actively involved in trying to secure a location for a shelter in our district. It was agreed that more needs to be done in our area to address the needs of animals and pet owners in



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our area and that we will continue to advocate and work for needed improvements for the humane treatment of animals.

II) Sanitation Issues:

A) New Department of Sanitation (DOS) District Superintendent Kenny Phillips:

- 1) We have a new district Superintendent. Mr. Tirado, CB7 District Manager has met with him already. We look forward to working with Mr. Phillips, who responded very quickly to a request to remove a telephone pole that was left on the sidewalk outside of P.S.56.

B) Outstanding issues:

- 1) The garbage pails that were on Bedford Park between Jerome Avenue and Paul Avenue are missing. Both Lehman College and the Department of Sanitation will be contacted for follow-up. Lehman College has adopted that area and until recently, the garbage situation has been under control and the area looked good.

C) New business:

- 1) An abandoned car has been left on the street for several weeks on Kings College Place. The DOS will be contacted for removal. The problem of illegal dumping will be discussed and signs obtained.

III) Meeting adjourned