



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK

## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## SANITATION & ENVIRONMENT MEETING MINUTES

### Thursday, November 10, 2011 @ 6:30 PM

- I) The Committee joined in with the Transportation Committee meeting where Jacqueline Carter, Community and Guest Relations of the MTA was a guest speaker. The meeting was productive, informative and it touched on many shared concerns, such as litter and who is responsible for its removal. The committee had our own meeting afterwards.
- II) Environmental Issues:
  - A) Status update on the toxic chemical Trichloroethene (TCE) found at The Bronx New School (P.S.51) building at 3200 Jerome Avenue.  
The testing of the site will begin this month. The landlord had agreed to be responsible for the testing. This committee will request the Work Plan via the Freedom of information Law (FOIL) sent to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The next meeting of the P.S. 51 Parents will be held this Monday, November 14 at 6:30, at the Concourse House.
  - B) Report on walk-through held on November 3 at 2PM at Mosholu Parkway and Hull Ave for the flooding issues at the Con Edison manhole cover.  
Representatives from Con Edison, NYC Parks, NYC DOT, NYC DEP and the Community Board District Manager and Chairs from the Sanitation and Transportation Committees were present. It was agreed that more evaluation was needed but the NYC DEP had examined the manhole did not see a problem on their end. Con Edison said they would drain the manhole again and drain the gully the may be feeding the Manhole the water. Con Ed will report back on their findings. All agreed that no work would begin until the spring. In the spring, NYC DOT and Parks will look into repairing the surface damage as a result of the flooding and bus traffic.
- III) Sanitation Issues:
  - A) Bedford Park Litter Problems:  
Lehman College returned the garbage pails that it had removed. Apparently there are still concerns about the area at Jerome and Bedford Park. A community resident shared photos of the area that were taken on 11/8 that showed litter hugging the sides of the overpass.
  - B) New business:  
Ms. Wilma Alonso of the Fordham BID reported two concerns:
    - 1) The lack of the Midday pick-up on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from Sanitation, has had an impact on the cleanliness of the area. Ms. Alonso had a suggestion that the Work Experience Participants (WEP) Workers, would be better utilized if they could be placed further west where there are no BID workers.
    - 2) The area west of Jerome Avenue up to University Avenue could benefit from the five WEP workers that are normally working in the BID area.
- IV) Meeting adjourned