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SANITATION / ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 15, 2012 @ 6:30pm

The committee held a joint meeting with the Community Relations / Long Term Planning Committee

I. Environmental Issues:

- A. A presentation was made by NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) on the remediation of flooding on Southern Boulevard (Dr. Theodore Kazimiroff Boulevard), opposite the NYBG. This area has been a problem for years but we are pleased to report that not only has the road condition been fixed but the resolution has created several "firsts" for the Bronx. Through the partnering of NYC DEP and the NYBG, the plan they came up not only alleviated a dangerous road condition but it also created a new wetland in the NYBG. This project was modeled after Staten Island's DEP BlueBelt Watersheds. Another first, was the use of a new Echo catch basin that has never been used in the Bronx before. The new design will capture the flooding from the roadway and the water will go into a storm-water capture system. The captured runoff will then feed into a stilling basin that will pretreat the water so that when the water does reach the Twin lakes in NYBG, it will be clean water with the gasoline removed. New trees and shrubs will be planted but they may not be visible from the road, because it wasn't possible to plant on that side due to safety concerns. The planting of trees and shrubs will be done inside the NYBG. It is expected that the new wetland may encourage more or perhaps new wildlife, to the area. The committee was very impressed and appreciative of all the work done and impressed that the job was completed for under a half a million dollars.
- B. A Status update on the toxic chemical Trichloroethene (TCE) found at The Bronx New School (P.S.51) building at 3200 Jerome Avenue was given. The owner of the building has had their application for the Brownfield Cleanup Program accepted. This allows the building owner to pay for the site remediation and the owner will receive a tax break in return. This will help to speed up the process of remediation to the site. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is still working on a plan to clean-up the site
- C. A meeting will be held at the Community Board Office on Monday, March 26th at 6:30 PM. In attendance will be representatives from the NYS DEC and NYS Department of Health (DOH). To be discussed is the Site Remediation Work Plan and the Health Consultation report both are in progress for the P.S. 51 site.

II. Sanitation Issues:

- A. The lack of Clean up after your dog signs was discussed. It was suggested that we contact Iggy Terranova of Community relations at the Department of Sanitation. It was also suggested that we contact the Borough President
- B. New business - It was reported that raccoons have been spotted on Bedford Park at the #4 train Station in the evenings. It is assumed that they are there because of access to garbage around the area. Our District Manager will keep us informed if anything else needs to be done. Both Lehman College and the MTA are aware of the raccoon situation there.

III. Meeting adjourned