



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



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SANITATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 13, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

I. Environmental Issues:

Update on PS 51 trichloroethylene (TCE) Contamination at 3200 Jerome Avenue:

- A. Plan for community meeting in April 2013 with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) to learn about remediation plans for 3200 Jerome Avenue.
The committee which had members of PS 51 Parents United in attendance, discussed venues and dates for the public hearing and comment period to be held after April 15, 2013. The dates proposed were Tuesday, April 30 or Tuesday, April 25, 2013. Several locations close to the board were considered, The Bronx Main Library at Kingsbridge Road, St. Philip Neri Church, Tracy Towers or the Bedford Park Senior Center. The Chair will follow-up on the needs of the presenters and the availability of the sites. It is also anticipated that the NYS Department of Health (NYS DOH) will also be present at the hearing.
- B. Update on the NYS DOH Health Consultation Study that has not been released yet:
It was reported that the NYS DOH experts and the Federal Agency for Toxic Substance registry (ATSDR) do not agree on the "new science" that is out there, therefore the health consultation had to be revised again and sent back to the ATSDR for a second time. No proposed date on when the study would be released. The committee discussed next options. Parents expressed how stressful it has been for them and the students to have to wait so long for this much anticipated document.
- C. Discussion on advocacy for Toxic Free Schools for the community:
The group discussed next steps for elevating this issue in the news and in the political arena. It was agreed that legislation must require the same standards for City owned schools, that there are for leased schools. There is a leasing loophole proposal that has already passed the State Assembly twice but it has not passed the State Senate yet. All agreed that we will continue to advocate for our children and ask for the help of more parents, our legislators and our community leaders

II. Sanitation Issues:

- A. The Spring 2013 NYC Safe Disposal Event for Solvents, Automotive, Flammable and Electronics sponsored by Department of Sanitation, will be held at Yankee Stadium April 20, 2013. This event will provide residents with a one-stop method to get rid of potentially harmful household products.

Location: 151 Street lot at River Avenue and 151st Street; cars approach from 150th Street up River Avenue. Hours: 10-4PM.

- a. What to bring: auto fluids, batteries, electronics, glues, medications, paint products, solvents and more. Any products labeled with DANGER, WARNING or CAUTION should be brought in.



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- B. Re-FashionNYC is another program of the NYC Department of Sanitation. The program is run in cooperation with Housing Works and it involves having a clothing drop off bin in your apartment house. When the bin is full either the clothing is sold at a Housing Works shop to help homeless New Yorkers or the clothing is recycled to be turned into new fabric. See the Department of Sanitation Website for further details.

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycwasteless/html/stuff/clothing.shtml>

Locations in the neighborhood that take clothing and other household items:
Part of the Solution (POTS) at 2759 Webster Avenue 718 220-4892 and
Our Lady of Refuge Church at 198th St.

- C. Other recycling issues and options were discussed:
- It was suggested that the Board office take batteries for recycling.
 - It was suggested that the public be educated about where to drop off expired or unused medications. Many drug stores will accept expired or unused Medications

III. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM