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SANITATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday March 11, 2014 6:30 PM

I. Environmental Issues:

A. Update on PS 51:

Follow-up meeting – The risks associated with the Trichloroethylene (TCE) exposure with NYS DOH. Date will be set in April. Outstanding issues are NYC DOH referral information and notification of students that were not already informed of their exposure.

B. Armory issues:

1. Green initiatives-Kevin Parker of Kingsbridge National Ice Center (KNIC) is known for green initiatives. Committee will meet with KNIC reps this as soon as scheduling allows.
2. Environmental concerns –we want to take a proactive approach. Committee will share their concerns and suggestions regarding environmental impacts.

C. Field Trip to visit a green roof in the Bronx. There was interest in making this visit. The chair will research options available, preferably in the CB 7 area.

1. Bronx County Court house
2. Green roof in CB 7

D. New Business-Filtration Plant meeting

1. The Comptroller's office reported on the analysis of the Park's Department projects. Many projects were delayed and costs were over estimate.
2. A discussion of the number of trees that the Department of Environmental Protection is responsible to plant around the Filtration Plant came up but the number was still not agreed upon.
3. The next meeting will be in April, the confirmed date will be posted for the community.

II. Sanitation Issues: Bronx 7 Supervisor Michael Darden attended the meeting. He is new to our community, only here two weeks. He was interested in hearing all our concerns and he gave us updates on certain issues.

A. Snow Removal

1. A resident complained that their garbage which they put out in the morning was not being picked up until the evening. We were informed that each year certain sanitation routes are designated as Night Plowing routes.



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This is done to allow for snow removal during the day. The schedule starts in November and ends in April, generally around the 14th.

2. The poor snow removal at crosswalks and bus stops was also discussed. The fact that so many agencies are involved in snow removal makes it difficult for residents and Board members to know which agency is responsible for the location. One area at the end of the Grand Concourse at East Mosholu Parkway South was discussed. The newly created crosswalk was cleared and it was a wide crosswalk for wheelchair access but drivers were mistaking the crosswalk for a road and driving over the sidewalk! The chair received a call from a pedestrian who was almost run over. This area will be visited and recommendations will be made. Better signage may be needed.

B. Sanitation Issues:

1. Concerns about dog excrement:

Using Video tape or supplying residents names for pet owners that do not clean up after their dogs, cannot be used to give out summonses. The perpetrator must be caught in the act. Requests for cameras would not help to solve that issue. We requested signs. Several locations to be cleaned were given.

2. Illegal dumping:

The Mosholu Parkway area has become a very big concern. Community and residents from other areas have been caught dumping along the parkway. Mr. Darden took note of the area and said that he would assign workers to visit and keep an eye open for illegal dumping as well pet owners who do not clean up after their dogs. Signs were requested for illegal dumping.

C. New business- None reported

III. Adjournment of meeting at 7:30PM.