



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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SANITATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 @ 6:30 PM

I. Environmental Issues:

A. PS 51:

1. Completion of the former site of P.S 51 and building availability - next steps
2. Discussed next steps-The building is now available for rental. The consensus was that a meeting with the NYS DEC would be scheduled to inform the Community of the remediation and to answer any questions or concerns regarding safety issues.

B. Feral Cats:

1. Feral Cat Colonies and TNR training in the Bronx: The Feral Cat Initiative from the Mayor's Office will give training in the Bronx this spring

C. New business:

1. A concern was raised about the noise and fumes from businesses that are located next to new housing. The Auto Shop at 2987 Webster Avenue was raised as a concern. NYC DEP will be consulted on this issue of environmental danger but the committee felt that existing businesses have a right to be on the avenue as well as the new housing.
2. It was reported that raccoons have been sighted on Villa Avenue. This is the first time the committee has heard this. Bedford Park has been a location for raccoons in the past. No action taken but the Committee will monitor the sightings

II. Sanitation Issues

A. Park event for the Dog excrement Issues:

1. Proposed dates for spring event at the Williamsbridge Oval, St. James Park and Aqueduct and Fordham locations to give away bags and signs –for home owners-IT was agreed that the first event would take place at the St. James Park. Proposed dates are 5/2, 5/9 and 5/30.
2. Presence at the Bronx Week Parade-Volunteers were requested for the table to hand out bags and signs. One Committee member volunteered.

B. Adopt a Basket:

1. Garbage can requests for businesses and other needed locations
2. The link to the DSNY Website is already on the Community Board Website. It was agreed that the office would also have the forms in stock for businesses that need the form
3. Locations in need of pails are 198th Street and Valentine Avenue and Villa Avenues. Also on Villa Avenue between Bedford Park and 204th Street.

C. New business:

1. DSNY has a big campaign to "Clean-up after your Dog". The office will get brochures and any related items. There is a lot of interest in the new signs for homeowners.

III. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM