



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

DUSTIN ENGELKEN, DISTRICT MANAGER

ADALINE WALKER-SANTIAGO, CHAIRPERSON

SANITATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 @ 6:30 PM

I. Environmental Issues:

- A. Feral Cat Colony on St. George's Crescent- We met with the Caretaker of the colony and learned that it is a registered colony with Neighborhood Cats. Many of the cats are already spayed or neutered and the caretaker is planning to trap the rest when she is able to. The new building that is proposed for 186 St. George's Crescent will start construction next year, but preliminary work on the site is being done now. We were informed that the cats can stay where they are for now but it is likely that relocation will be needed. We were asked to confirm that there will be no remaining undeveloped land on the site. The Land Use Committee will be asked to follow-up with this request. The Committee will continue to monitor the situation and think about relocation options if or when needed.
- B. TNR training in the Bronx- Trap, Neuter and Return programs were discussed and several community members were interested in the training. The ASPCA can supply the traps.
- C. New business- A community member raised the idea of having a sub-committee for animal advocacy issues. It was suggested because there is never enough time to fully explore all the issues affecting the animal concerns in the community. The committee was open to the discussion, but it was tabled for another meeting.

II. Sanitation Issues

- A. Park event for the Dog excrement Issues
 1. Confirmed date for St. James Park May 30, 2015-One Committee member volunteered to attend the event, along with the District Manager. The event will be held between 12:00 to 2PM. Individuals must have a dog to receive the biodegradable disposable bags with the Community Board's information on it. Landlords must sign for their signs. We will explain that the signs can only be posted on their property. It is expected that Councilman Cabrera will attend this event, in his district. The Councilman has been actively involved in this issue. He allocated money in the hope that it would be used for signs since the city no longer prints their own signs. It is the hope of the Committee to take on this issue in the future. Dog excrement is a quality of life issue as well as a serious health problem.
 2. The Williamsbridge Oval Park- The proposed date for "Bark in the Park" is Saturday, June 27th. Volunteers will also be needed once the date is confirmed.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

DUSTIN ENGELKEN, DISTRICT MANAGER

ADALINE WALKER-SANTIAGO, CHAIRPERSON

3. Aqueduct Walk at Fordham location - to give away bags and signs for home owners. This may take place informally, with a few board members handing out bags, during the summer or an event could be planned for the Fall. It depends on availability of the committee members.
- B. Bronx Week Parade:
1. Presence at the May 17th Bronx Week Parade - volunteers needed so far we have one volunteer from the Committee.
- C. New business:
1. It was suggested that we post the link to the "Adopt a Can" from DSNY on our Facebook page. Many agreed that we need to increase awareness of the program but not everyone agreed that that is the answer. Our District Manager reported that he has approached businesses in the past on Webster Avenue and they did not want to take on the added responsibility
 2. Another alternative was to increase the pick-up schedule of the baskets. The feeling was that the infrequent emptying of the wire basket garbage pails on the streets is the problem. We will be asking for the schedule as it is now but It is likely that the Board will be asking our Councilman to increase the schedule.

III. Meeting was adjourned 7:45 PM.