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### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## **SANITATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 8th 2015 @ 6:30 PM**

I. Environmental Issues:

A. Completion of the former site of P.S 51 and building availability-next steps-The group advocating for an Animal shelter in the Bronx is interested in this building as an option. Bronx Animal Shelter Endeavor (BASE) has been actively working on a much needed shelter. The Bronx and Staten Island are the only two borough without a shelter.

B. Feral Cat Colony issues:

1. There are two registered colonies, with the Mayor's Alliance, on St. George's Crescent
2. Two different concerns were discussed. One colony may need to be relocated due to new building construction by the Stagg Group. Details needed on the actual area of location to be used for the building. The caretakers of the second colony, have been told to stop feeding their colony, sanitation concerns have been cited. Follow-up is needed on both issues

II. New business:

A. Raccoon sightings have increased in the Bedford Park area. A raccoon family is living between Villa Ave and Jerome Ave. Animal Care and Control will be called in to remove and hopefully, relocate the animals. The office and 311 should be contacted with any sightings of raccoons.

III. DEP/Water Issues:

A. Three issues were raised:

1. Repairs to catch basins are not holding up. The finished product does not look professional
2. Water rates are high and the Committee wants to discuss what can be done about this
3. Noise concerns

IV. Sanitation Issues:

A. Report June Park Event "Bark in the Park" on June 27<sup>th</sup>:

1. The event went well with a lot of enthusiasm for the bags
2. Order more signs "Clean up after your Dog signs"-There are still about 200 signs left. . A list of Do's and Don'ts is still needed with the signs
3. We have seen signs hammered into trees which can kill the tree



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4. Order more Doggie leash Bags to hold the biodegradable bags-The order will be placed soon. A request was made to list out the costs already associated with prior purchases made last year
  5. Aqueduct and Fordham locations to give away bags and signs –for home owners. No date set yet. Another location under consideration, is Villa Avenue between 205<sup>th</sup> St and Van Cortlandt Avenue Ave East. With the new building at 204<sup>th</sup> St with so many new tenants, an education campaign may be needed
- B. Garbage can request for businesses and other needed locations:
1. It was noted that the adopt a wastebasket form is only available in English. We will check on availability in other languages for our community. It was also noted that so far, businesses have not embraced the program
- V. New business:
- A. Major issues were raised about sanitation problems in the area:
1. Parkside Place is in need of a clean-up. Photos were submitted to the Board and Mr. Guerino has offered to give a tour of the area to highlight the garbage, discarded TVs, etc.
  2. Park and Parkway concerns were discussed and a possible joint meeting with Parks may be considered
- B. Ideas for future meetings:
1. An education campaign to not litter involving elected and community
  2. Sanitation meeting regarding clean-ups and more communication.
  3. Meeting with DEP to discuss community concerns
- VI. Adjournment of meeting at 7:40PM.