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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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SANITATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 6:30 PM

- I. Environmental Issues:
 - A. Presentation by Effie Ardizzone, Bronx Borough Coordinator, DEP
 1. Repair issues of storm drains and catch basins were discussed. Ms. Ardizzone agreed to look into the catch basin complaints. Repair concerns were raised. Photos and locations will be forwarded to DEP
 2. We discussed water rate concerns and learned about insurance that is not issued through DEP, but one that they advertise on their website. It allows homeowners to get insurance to cover their homes from the building to the street. It covers the sewer and water lines, not covered by the house insurance. The company is American Water Resources (AWR), a private company the information is available from the DEP website. There is also a Program called the Leak and Waste Forgiveness Program, where a home owner can apply for a break in what they owe, if they had a leak they were unaware of and they accrued a high water bill, as a result
 3. DEP offers a free lead test kit, call 311 to request the kit
 - B. Feral Cat Colony Training and resources:
 1. A brief discussion on the possibility of an Animal Shelter at the former location of PS 51 took place. The concern over the two cat colonies located on the property to be built by Stagg on Van Cortlandt Avenue East was also raised
 - C. New business:
 1. Noise complaints were discussed. DEP does track the number of complaints received on the Mayor's Management Report. For loud parties and related nuisances, DEP works with the Police Department. Calls should be made to 311
- II. Sanitation Issues were postponed until the November meeting, due to time constraints
 - A. Report from Sanitation regarding clean-up
 - B. Schedule visit from Sanitation
 - C. Community Visioning event held on 10/10/15
 - D. Garbage can request for businesses and other needed locations-in other languages
 - E. New business
- III. Adjournment of meeting at 7PM.