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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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SANITATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

I. Environmental Issues:

A. Update on Animal Shelter Status-

The Bronx Borough Board Budget Hearing heard a request on January 18, 2016 for funds for a Trap Neuter and Release Clinic. The request came from the animal welfare advocacy group Bronx Animal Shelter Endeavor (BASE). This request was made to bridge the gap while the Bronx Community waits for a future animal shelter. A request was made to the Bronx Borough President for funds of \$250,000 for a brick and mortar Bronx Clinic to be administered by Animal Care and Control. The goal of the clinic will be to reduce the population of semi-social animals roaming and suffering on the Bronx streets. It will also prepare the animals for adoption while work continues on the goal of a full-service Animal Shelter within the municipal shelter system.

The committee wants to invite a BASE member to speak at a committee meeting to get more detail on the approach they are taking. All seemed please that there is some momentum. We would like to help move the process along and will offer help with advocacy. A possible petition at Tracy Towers was suggested, as well as contacting our elected officials.

The location of 3200 Jerome Avenue continues to be a location that our board is interested in. It would be a great location due to the proximity of large complexes like Tracy and Scott Towers. Dewitt Clinton and Bronx Science could also benefit by having students work at the site. Dewitt Clinton had a Vet Tech program that might be reinstated.

B. Raccoon sightings have continued in the community. Please call 311 and let the Board know you have called 311. Be sure to note the complaint number so that the Board can track the issue. There was discussion around what happens to the animals when 311 is called. DOH has been doing relocations of the wildlife. A new location of Creston Avenue and 197th Street was reported.

II. Sanitation Issues:

A. Villa Avenue & Tracey Tower needs were discussed. Dog excrement continues to be the major complaint. The new signs and doggie bags have had a positive impact, but it is still an issue. An area on Jerome Avenue near Tracy Towers is informally called the "Poop Trail" because it is so popular with dog walkers breaking the law.



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Additional signs or a call in to DOH may be required for this location. A request for additional signs and doggie bags with the community board information on it was requested. DSNY does not make new signs but they will repaint old signs. A contact number is needed for this department. Residents should call the Board office with locations of old signs that need to be repainted.

B. A new location at 3114 Villa Avenue was reported having a courtyard filled with garbage, which has been bringing out rats.

C. Our District Manager, Andrew Sandler reported that the Mayor has a number for both commercial and residential properties the need graffiti removal. Information can be found at www.nycedc.com/program/graffiti-free-nyc . Call 311 to report the graffiti.

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.