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**SANITATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016 @ 6:30 PM**

I) Attendance sheet in file

II) Environmental Issues:

A) Update on Animal Shelter Status:

- 1) The Bronx Animal Shelter Endeavor (BASE) group has been meeting with Assemblyman Jeff Klein and other elected officials to work on details of getting a Bronx shelter. No information has been released except that a request for more locations has been made. The Committee discussed the merits of the 3200 Jerome Avenue location and it was agreed that we should push for that location. Its proximity to the subways, buses and schools makes it an ideal location

B) Raccoon sightings:

- 1) They have continued in the community. It was reported that there were raccoons seen at Fordham University. There is a concern that calling 311 will result in the raccoons being euthanized. Research will be done on what other communities have done, as well as what other options are available

C) New business:

- 1) A visit to Serviam Gardens-options were discussed to visit the Senior Housing Complex built and managed by the Fordham Bedford Housing Corp. Serviam Gardens has a green roof and the Committee has not seen a green roof in many years, since the last visit to the Bronx County Courthouse. Board members liked the idea suggested by the Chair, Adaline Walker Santiago that going on June 4th, as part of the bus tour would allow the greatest number of board members to see the roof
- 2) Possibly getting a grant to cover trapping and relocation of raccoons was discussed. It was also suggested that the Board arrange for a study be done to understand what is causing this increase in raccoon sightings in recent years



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#### III) Sanitation Issues:

##### A) Dog Bags:

- 1) The need to purchase more dog bags that hold biodegradable plastic bags for cleaning up after your dog will be ordered. The item includes all our contact information. A motion will not be needed for this

##### B) New Business:

- 1) Plan a community composting meeting with the New York Botanical Gardens (NYBG)-The best date for this meeting will be Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The local Community Gardeners will be invited to this event to be held at the Board office. The presentation will be made by Master Composter, Jodie Colon of the NYBG. Invited Gardeners are, Bainbridge Ave, Friends of Van Cortland and Risse Street Gardens
- 2) The CB7 Board Chair, suggested that the dog bags and clean up after your dog signs, be offered at the Board meetings as a regular outreach tool. They have been very popular and the hope is that it will help to spread our location and contact information as well as serving the original purpose of keeping the area clean and healthy for the area residents.
- 3) A new complaint came in that the Risse Street Park, near Jerome Avenue needs a holder for bags, to clean-up after the dogs. This is a common area for dog walking. This matter will be referred to the Parks Committee because it is on Parkland

#### IV) The meeting was adjourned 7:20PM.