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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE

Chair:	Betty Arce
Meeting Date:	June 7, 2022
Meeting Time:	7 pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/CVouM5hzQOA
Members	✓ Betty Arce ✓ Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky ✓ Jean Hill
In Attendance:	_ Rosalie Leslie _Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed ∠ Lowell Green
	<u>✓</u> Hugo Gonzalez
Minutes done by:	Betty Arce

Minutes:

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of previous minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
- IV. New Business

A. DSNY Updates

- 1. New DSNY Commissioner Jesse Tisch
 - a) ASP will resume twice a week
 - b) Focus on protected bike lane cleaning with new equipment
- 2. Collection for Large Items no longer requires prior appointment from DSNY and can be left curbside on any collection day but DSNY recommends that items be put out on the last day with least trash.
- 3. Special waste events have resumed. Next event for the Bronx in the fall (Sept. Nov)
 - a) Items can always be dropped off at Hunts Point. Sites are open from 10 AM to 5 PM every Saturday and the last Friday of the month.
- 4. Waste Management Plan for new developments of 150 + units New residential buildings over 150 units now need to submit a Waste Management Plan for DSNY review at the same time as they submit plans to DOB.



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- a) Existing multiple dwelling building with an alteration that increases the amount of floor surface area by more than 110% over the amount of existing floor surface area
- b) Newly-altered commercial building
 - (1) That is enlarged or otherwise modified from its original physical design to be classified by DOB as a multiple dwelling building
 - (2) Having 50 percent or more of its floor area renovated to be classified by DOB as a multiple dwelling building
- c) A residential pilot will be implemented in the foreseeable future.
- 5. New Street Cleaning Initiatives
 - a) There will be 6 Bronx Clean up Events between July-Sept
 - (1) Collaboration between NY Yankees and Borough President
 - (2) Second annual clean up.
 - (3)Contact DSNY for suggestions for streets or area for participation
 - (4)Participants will be eligible for Yankee tickets
 - (5) Winning participants (collecting the most trash) will be invited to a VIP Yankee experience.
- 6. DSNY is collaborating with the NYC Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) on the Clean Curbs pilot program. The pilot program allows private entities, such as commercial property owners and Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), to apply for the opportunity to install sealed, rodent-proof containers on City property for non-DSNY collection.
 - https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/our-work/containerized-waste-rfei
- 7. Register for the Sanitation Worker exam between June 8 June 30 at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs or by visiting a DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Center. The exam, a multiple-choice computer-based test, will be offered on a rolling basis, expected to begin later this year.
- B. FY 2023 Statements of CB7 Needs and Budget Requests
 - 1. Committee reviewed Budget items and requests. Discussion ensued on items to determine if any need to be revised, removed or enhanced.
 - 2. Discussions to continue
- C. DEP Updates



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- 1. Virtual Green Infrastructure Grant Workshop June 8, 2022
 - a) Offers green roof retrofit funding for private property owners in New York City. The goal is to incentivize private property owners to retrofit their roofs with green roofs to manage stormwater runoff. https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/water/green-infrastructure-grant-program.page
- D. NYC Comptroller's Office reviewed the Climate Dashboard https://comptroller.nyc.gov/services/for-the-public/nyc-climate-dashboard/overview/
 - 1. Tracks city's progress in meeting climate goals by assessing how effectively the city is reducing our carbon emissions and how prepared our neighborhoods are for the impacts of climate change.
 - 2. Community board members and the public are invited to review and submit feedback as needed to make the dashboard as useful as possible
- E. New York Botanical Garden's Wikipedia Environment of The Bronx Edit-A-Thon June 8, 2022
 - 1. Enables attendees familiar with editing Wikipedia to edit worklists focused on the environment of New York City; as well as, a sub-list focused on the environment of the Bronx.
 - 2. Registration required
- V. Next meeting date September 6, 2022 in person
- VI. Discussion on next agenda TBD
- VII. Adjournment