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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT YAJAIRA ARIAS, CHAIRPERSON KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT
 MANAGER

ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE

Chair:	Betty Arce
Meeting Date:	June 6, 2023
Meeting Time:	7 pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/IkEB63xdZ0c
Members In Attendance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input type="checkbox"/> Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Hill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosalie Leslie <input type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowell Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hugo Gonzalez <input type="checkbox"/> Carlos Sosa
Minutes done by:	Betty Arce

Minutes:

- I) Introductions
- II) Review of previous minutes - Approved
- III) Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
- IV) Moment of Silence for recently deceased board member Nora Feury
- V) New Business

A. DEP Updates – Effie Ardizzone from DEP joined our meeting and provided information on the following:

- Open hydrants during the summer months and the specifics of retrofitting hydrants to make it more difficult to open and operate (only certain hydrants can be retrofitted) illegally, the how-to of obtaining a sprinkler cap and whether there should be greater oversight and regulation for this process, how DEP handles complaints for open hydrant complaints.

THIS MEETING’S MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, CONTACT US AT:

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· This led to a discussion about street or pop-up car washes and use of hydrants. Street car washes are now legal as long as the operators obtain a permit from the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection, and can apply for a Hydrant Use Permit from DEP. The committee may follow up on this matter at a later meeting in the future if there is interest.

B. Committee members were asked to submit their concerns/problems/issues prevalent in their neighborhoods that CB 7 may be able to address through advocacy and dovetail into our budget request.

1.) The streets are not cleaned and phantom abandoned cars and cars without license plates are parked and not being moved for alternate side street parking and cleaning. Enforcement by NYPD, DSNY

2.) Some of those phantom cars and cars without license plates are parked near hydrants. Enforcement by NYPD, DSNY

3.) Many sidewalks are also very dirty with garbage, plastic bags, bottles, etc. Homeowners/apt owners are not cleaning daily or as soon as the property is cleaned, others come by and dump their garbage. Enforcement by DSNY

C. Capital & Expense Budget Requests Agency Responses

The committee discussed the agency responses and considered a few for further action with the appropriate agencies and elected officials.

· Increase in sanitation enforcement personnel to address violations of dirty sidewalks by merchants, street vendors, and homeowners.

o Include BIDs to help with educating and outreach to commercial owners.



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- Canine waste laws – members would like to distribute dog waste bags and metal signs at any upcoming community events, contingent on budget and ability to procure in a timely manner.

- o NYCDEP initiating outreach about the proper ways to dispose of dog waste in catch basins and sewers that end up in the waterways. Would like to attend any Pet events where the message can be disseminated.

- Advocate for more frequent cleaning of catch basins.

- § Make 311 reports for all flooding or pooling of catch basins and sewers

VI) Next meeting date September 5, 2023 7:00 PM

VII) Discussion on next agenda-

a) Fiscal Year 2025 Capital & Expense Budget Requests – Department of City Planning Community Feedback & Planning for Action:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7333194/CD-Needs-Online-Survey>

VIII) Adjournment