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ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Welcome and Introductions:
- A) Attendance was taken, there were two excused absences but the rest of the committee was present.
- II) Sanitation
- A) Tal Zaken, Senior Coordinator for Organics Outreach
 - 1) Roll out of Organic Recycling in the CB7 area -
 - 2) At this time, the program is primarily for apartment buildings consisting of 10 or more units.
 - 3) Any building can request enrollment which will provide special receptacles for food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard waste. Citizens can sign their buildings up but the landlord must agree to be in the program.
 - 4) Incentives for landlords to enroll include equipment such as roll-out bins which make garbage collection easier, and more effective pest management.
 - 5) Enrollment will include a walk-thru the building to determine placement of receptacles and signage, presentation to tenants and follow-up activities for tenant outreach.
 - 6) Mr. Zaken said that a group of single family home owners on a block may consider applying as a group.
 - B) Refashion NY
 - 1) This program recycles usable clothing for reuse and recycles fabrics that cannot be re-worn.
 - 2) Locating bins for clothing donations in private buildings and commercial locations. These bins are not waterproof and therefore must be in areas that are covered.
 - 3) Suggested locations include Crunch Fitness, Firehouse, Precinct, POTS, churches.
 - 4) Bins must be monitored.



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III) Presentation: Bruno Iciano, DSNY Community Affairs Liaison

- A) Sanitation flyers about cleaning up after your dog are available in various languages. CB 7 can request as many as needed for distribution to residents in the district. The flyers can be single or double sided but they are made of paper and will need to be laminated, if left out doors.
- B) The official DSNY signs are no longer being made but those that are still up and may be faded can be refurbished upon request to the DSNY. Please call the office with any locations where signs need to be refurbished.
- C) The Neighborhood Rat reduction program is underway in the Rat Mitigation area of CB 7 which is adjacent to the Fordham BID.
- D) A clarification was made about the additional day of garbage collection which is not throughout the entire district. Only the area directly north of Fordham Road has the additional day of pick-up.
- E) The program also includes the installation of Big Belly receptacles in that area.
- F) Concern was raised about the lack of trash cans at the intersection of Decatur Avenue & East 204th Street. Mr. Iciano asked that an email be sent to him with details so he can review the matter.
- G) Mr. Iciano suggested that the merchants along that area be encouraged to enroll in the "Adopt a Trash Can Program" and assist in keeping the area clean. An effort will be made to outreach to several of the merchants, enlisting the help of CB 7 member who has a business along that strip.
- H) Mr. Iciano mentioned that council districts receive funds for clean-up service and it was suggested CB 7 reach out to Councilman Cohen's office for more information on how those funds can be or are being used in the district area.

IV) Environment

- A) Work had stopped at 186 St. George's Crescent due to safety concerns. The area where cars normally park is roped off in one section. Calls will be made to the Buildings Department to follow-up on the status of the site.

V) The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.