

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION  
CROTON FACILITY MONITORING COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010 – 6:00PM**

The Croton Facility Monitoring Committee met in executive session on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at the DEP Community Office, 3660 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467.

Attending - CFMC representatives:

Greg Faulkner, outgoing Chairman, Community Board # 7 and Paul Foster, incoming Chairman, Community Board #7; Damian McShane, Chairman, and Saul Scheinbach, Community Board #8; Father Richard Gorman, Chairman, Community Board #12; Hector Aponte, Bronx Commissioner, Parks and Recreation Department; Jessica Noon and Wilhelm Ronda, Bronx Borough President's representative; Council Member G. Oliver Koppell; Mark Lanaghan, Department of Environmental Protection.

The meeting was opened by Chairman Faulkner at 6:15 pm.

Adoption of CFMC Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2009

The committee considered and approved the December 17, 2009 meeting minutes without objection.

Discussion

The CFMC voiced opinions about choosing Mr. Faulkner's successor as chair. Mr. McShane, who proposed in December rotating the chair yearly among the three Community Board representatives, again advocated this approach. Discussion followed. Following the discussion, Mr. McShane was nominated to serve as chair for 2010 by Mr. Koppell. Mr. Ronda seconded the nomination. By a vote of four in favor (Community Board #8; #12; Council Member Koppell; Bronx Borough President's Office), one opposed (Community Board #7), and two abstaining (Dept of Parks and Recreation; DEP), Mr. McShane was elected.

February Meeting Requests

The CFMC requested that the DEP Commissioner attend the February meeting. It was proposed that the next meeting be on Wednesday, February 24 rather than the third Thursday. Mr. Lanaghan said he would schedule it as Commissioner Holloway wants to attend.

Mr. McShane said that at future meetings and as part of the project's construction update, he wants DEP to provide a 60 day look-ahead and schedule of the major elements of construction as well as the significant project milestone dates. He also requested at each meeting the percentage completion of the project.

Mr. Koppell requested that DEP provide additional information on how the city checks that construction workers who say they are from the Bronx actually live in the Bronx.

Mr. Foster asked for a report on jobs and training to continue to be reported on at future meetings; Mr. Faulkner requested that DEP and Skanska arrange another jobs fair for M/WBE businesses.

Additional Comments

There was a brief discussion about the status of DEP's plan regarding potential outsourcing of plant operations. Several representatives said they favor having DEP's employees, not outside companies, operate the Croton Filter Plant.

It was reported that controlled blasting at the Shaft and Meter Chamber will begin no earlier than mid-February 2010. The CFMC will be invited to attend the first controlled test blast. It was reiterated that there will be no blasting during school hours and that controlled blasts may occur twice a day or from three to five times a week for a period of three months. Additional controlled blasts will be needed in 2011 but they will be farther away from the Bronx High School of Science.

It was agreed without objection to adjourn at 7:35 PM.