

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION  
CROTON FACILITY MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Executive Session**

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009 – 5:00PM

The Croton Facility Monitoring Committee met in Executive Session on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at the DEP Community Office, 3660 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467. All CFMC representatives attended.

Greg Faulkner, Chair of Community Board #7 and of the CFMC, opened the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Adoption of February CFMC meeting minutes

Upon a motion by Saul Scheinbach, Community Board #8, seconded by Laura Stockstill, Bronx Borough President's office, the minutes of the February CFMC meeting were adopted.

Discussion

Father Richard Gorman, Chair of Community Board #12, asked for clarification of the status of the trees at Jerome Park Reservoir (JPR) that have been marked for removal. Mark Lanaghan, NYCDEP, and Hector Aponte, Bronx Parks Commissioner, responded. The trees, most of which are in substandard condition, must be removed for the JPR construction of the Shaft and Meter Chamber of the Croton Filter Project.

Council Member Oliver Koppell asked about the means and methods of construction at JPR that will be the subject of the upcoming Croton FMC meeting.

Mr. Scheinbach requested increased transparency in the public process.

Mr. Faulkner requested more timely provision of information about the project.

Each of these topics was discussed by the CFMC.

Ms. Stockstill recommended quarterly executive meetings of the CFMC to supplement the public meetings held regularly. The CFMC decided to hold executive sessions as needed.

Mr. Aponte said that some landscaping improvements might be possible at JPR on the east side of the park as a result of several community leaders advocating that parks improvements funded for JPR and the adjacent parks should not ignore the east side of JPR. There was a brief discussion of the need to only make improvements outside the areas of the construction.

Ms. Stockstill asked for a tracking system for open CFMC issues. Mr. Lanaghan suggested she provide him with a template for this purpose.

Fr. Gorman requested that the CFMC agenda be made available to the public ahead of public CFMC meetings. The CFMC supported this recommendation, upon a motion by Mr. Scheinbach, seconded by Ms. Stockstill, with the proviso to tell the public that agendas are frequently modified in advance of CFMC meetings.

It was suggested and agreed that another executive session be held in advance of the next CFMC meeting. Fr. Gorman requested that an alternate date be sought for the next CFMC meeting for two reasons. First, many residents will be away on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, since schools will be closed for the holiday week. That date also conflicts with his professional responsibilities related to the Archdiocese. Martha Holstein said she would try to coordinate an alternate date; however, because of the CFMC representatives' busy schedules it has been difficult to schedule meetings other than on the third Thursday of the month. [Note: Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> was selected as the date for the CFMC public meeting.]

Chairman Faulkner said that, if the meeting objectives had been fulfilled, the CFMC should adjourn. Upon Mr. Lanaghan's motion, the CFMC adjourned at 7:15 PM.