

Bronx Community Board No.8, Environment and Sanitation Committee Meeting of

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 Time: 7 PM; In person location: 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite #100, or Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2114033690>

Attending: E&S Committee members: Camelia Tepelus (Chair, in person); Robert Fanuzzi (Vice-Chair, zoom); Rashida Hilliard, Karen Argenti, Robert Spalter (zoom), Debra Travis (in person). CB8 members: David Gellman (in person). Community members: Ira Charles; Jodie Colon.

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- I. Roll Call: Chair Tepelus: conducted roll call – quorum confirmed. Presented briefly rules of the meeting and reviewed agenda.
- II. Approval of Minutes Meeting February 15, 2023: Minutes circulated by the office – unanimously approved
- III. Chairperson Report:

Chair presented report of previous month news and announcements:

DEP Distribution Operations is scheduled to shutdown the water pressure regulator at Sedgwick and Goulden Avenues in the Bronx on Thursday March 16, 2023 due to a leak. Once the repair is completed, the water pressure regulator will be returned to service. There is no pressure issue or discolored water anticipated from this operation. Precautions will be taken and the hydrants will be monitored for pressure and discolored water. (March 15, 2023)

Bronx Parks Speak Up, Saturday February 25, 2023 at Lehman College was very successfully, Robert Fanuzzi chairing a session on greenways, with participation from Karen Argenti.

DEP approved by OMP to replace 36 fleet vehicles (\$11,427,844)

Visitation site: no 311 service requests on asbestos removal; DEP sent inspectors, all procedures are being followed.

Letter from the CM and AM Dinowitz requesting ASP regulations Along HHP E and HHP W between W 239th ST and W 254th St, due to long term parking of large vehicles,

DEP 2022 Drinking Water Quality Report (20pgs) available at <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dep/downloads/pdf/water/drinking-water/drinking-water-supply-quality-report/2022-drinking-water-supply-quality-report.pdf>

DEP 2022 State of the Sewers report – Performance Metrics December 2022 FY22 (14 pgs) available at [state-of-the-sewers-2022.pdf \(nyc.gov\)](#)

Important forthcoming dates:

- a) Wednesday April 19, 2023 – E&S Committee meeting (CALL; MTA; budget items prioritization as agenda items);
- b) Monday April 24, 2023 – TAG Meeting on zoom at 5pm (public to be notified);
- c) Thursday April 27, 2023 – TAG site visit, 9am
- d) **Wednesday May 24, 2023 – Joint meeting of CB8 Parks and Recreation Committee and Environment and Sanitation Committee** – with DEP participation and formal presentation of status on “Tibbett’s Daylighting Project” to CB8, to be followed by joint resolution proposal;
- e) Wednesday June 21, 2023 – E&S Committee meeting
- f) Friday, July 14, 2023 – DEP/Parks Submission date for PDC
- g) Monday, August 7 – PDC Hearing

Deb Travis – may only be able to attend meeting on Wednesday May 24 virtually, pending Mayor’s extension of the emergency order; C. Tepelus – also needs to confirm availability for May 24.

Robert Fanuzzi – time frame to be checked in case we may need a dispensation from PDC for CB8 submission;

Laura Spalter – timeframe appears feasible this year – to be followed up if needed;

Karen Argenti – a draft resolution should be already discussed in advance by the E&S committee at our next meeting in April 2023 – committee members in agreement.

- IV. Budget priorities - Extensive participatory editing of draft budget document by all participants – resulting in finalization of document, except prioritizing of items - to be finalized at the April 2023 meeting.

Jodie Colon – noted that CB8 is the only CB that receives curbside pickup for food scraps, but DSNY no longer accepts applications from new buildings. Universal curbside pickup for the Bronx is planned for March 2025.

V. Old Business

Robert Fanuzzi – raised matter of MTA/Metro North’s usage of tracks between 230th -225th street, and potential need for E&S to draft a resolution before the end of the year. The recent opening of Grand Central Madison and connection to LIRR appears to have caused increased usage of MN Marble Hill location as waste transfer/storage. Last year E&S raised the issue of train cars filled with waste being stored, while the hope was to find ways for the property to be used for future expansion of the Tibbetts Brook Greenway. There were consultations previously with DPR with the intention of acquiring the property, but MN refused to sell, advising that the 225th to 230th section is a necessary operational capacity. The NYC ‘waste equity law’ may be relevant. E&S to reach out to CB8 Housing and T&T committees for support, as well as to the MH Tenants Association/Tony Robbins. MTA to be invited at the meeting in April to better understand the current conditions on usage of the site.

Karen Argenti – the plan for CB8 E&S April meeting is to have a draft resolution discussed.

VI. New Business – none.

Jodie – reached out to DEP regarding waving the hydrant permit on the hydrant adjacent to Henry Hudson Park (Independence at Kappock); the hydrant does not have water (defective or broken pipe);

Karen Argenti – it is a FDNY matter, 311 complaint must be submitted, and office to follow up with both agencies.

VII. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted by CB8 E&S Chair, Camelia Tepelus.

Meeting recording available on the CB8 YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/tVf496rglto>