

Minutes of the February 21, 2024 Meeting of the Environment & Sanitation Committee (CB8)

(Pending Committee Approval)

Present: D. Rowen, C. Blake (EC), R. Fanuzzi, L. Spalter (EC), K. Argenti (EC), and R. Spalter

Absent: O. Murray, D. Travis

I. Recognition of Quorum

-With only 3 members present in the office, we did not have quorum.

II. Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2024 Meeting

-Tabled until the March 20th meeting when we will hopefully have a quorum.

III. Chair's Report

-Thanked K. Argenti, K. Holland, and D. Feintuch for sending a memo to DEP and DOB regarding issues concerning 306 W. 232nd Street development, which included a copy of the letter previously sent to Commissioner Rohit Aggarwala's office on 11/27/2023 from this committee.

-Discussed pre-certification notice for Tibbetts Brook Daylighting Easement, which the committee fully supports.

IV. Old Business

-Talked about progress and status of the Riverdale Park pump station project, to be discussed in more detail at the March 20th meeting by DEP.

-Also brought up issue in Kingsbridge with residents getting DSNY tickets that they say are for non-violations, implying that developers are harassing owners by reporting their properties and getting DSNY to issue tickets. If anyone feels this is happening to them, please reach out to the CB8 office with dates of your tickets so we can investigate this with DSNY at a later date.

V. New Business

A. DSNY 2024 Containerization Rules

-Starting March 1, 2024, ALL businesses in NYC must use bins with secure lids when setting out trash for collection unless waste is collected from a loading dock.

B. FY26 Capital & Expense Budget Priorities

-Went over FY2025 preliminary budget responses from DEP and DSNY to our requests and will combine and prioritize requests for FY2026 budget at the March 20th meeting. One new request may include asking for additional trash cans around the district. See attached pages for DEP and DSNY responses to our budget requests for FY2025.

VII. Adjournment just before 9pm.

Fiscal Year 2025 Preliminary Budget Register

Community District 8, Bronx – NYC DEP

Capital DEP

13	108202513C	Request: Other capital budget request for DEP Explanation: Spuyten Duyvil Waterfront - : Spuyten Duyvil Creek Combined Sewer Outflow (CSO) - Mitigate CSO outfalls into Spuyten Duyvil Creek adjacent to Spuyten Duyvil and Marble HillMNR stations with a living shoreline and green infrastructure along DEPeasements. Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
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Expense DEP

Priority	Tracking Code	Project Information	Agency Response
07	108202507E	Request: Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible Explanation: Storm Water Management ? to reduce chronic flooding:? Feasibility Study: Analyze district-wide resilience and storm watermanagement plan using green infrastructure along Major DeeganExpressway corridor, with focus on: Van Cortlandt Village,Kingsbridge Heights roadway, Bailey Avenue and Broadwaycorridors and Kingsbridge floodplains.? Bailey and Broadway Corridor GI - Install right-of-way greeninfrastructure along Bailey Avenue and Broadway corridors toalleviate flooding and ponding in Kingsbridge and Marble Hill. Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
20	108202520E	Request: Other expense budget request for DEP Explanation: - Jerome Park Reservoir Public Access - Develop and implement an updated plan with community stakeholders to expand regular,on-going public access to the Jerome Park Reservoir. Increase funding for maintenance contracts for Jerome Park Reservoir to pick up litter within DEPproperty, specifically with concerns to illegal dumping and littering. Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Protection Location Site Name: jerome park reservoir	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
28	108202528E	Request: Other expense budget request for DEP Explanation: Tibbetts Brook Waterway Infrastructure Maintenance -Fund continual maintenance for operation, efficiency, and goodhousekeeping of Daylighting Project in Van Cortlandt Park and alongPutnam South Greenway. Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

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29	108202529E	Request: Other expense budget request for DEP Explanation: Maintain funding for catch basin inspection, cleaning, and maintenance in flood prone areas along Broadway and Bailey Avenue and on roadways in Kingsbridge Heights and Van Cortlandt Village Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

CB 8 to contact the agency for more info. Capital #13; Expense #7, 20, 28, 29

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Capital DSNY

23	108202523C	<p>Request: Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</p> <p>Explanation: 215th Street Garage Rehabilitation - Rehabilitate and update DSNY garage on 215th and Broadway used for vehicles servicing CD8</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Sanitation</p>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
CS	108202528C	<p>Request: Other capital budget request for DSNY</p> <p>Explanation: 215th Street Garage Rehabilitation - Rehabilitate and update DSNY garage on 215th and Broadway used for vehicles servicing CD8</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Sanitation</p>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

Expense DSNY

17	108202517E	<p>Request: Provide or expand community composting programs</p> <p>Explanation: Compost Project Expansion - Expand funding for NYC Compost Project and community composting to beyond pre-CoVID levels to enable compost education, community-based composting sites, and organic waste drop-off sites, including expanding smart compost bins throughout Bronx CD 8</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Sanitation</p>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.
22	108202522E	<p>Request: Other expense budget request for DSNY</p> <p>Explanation: ? District Clean Streets: ? Residential Litter Patrol - Increased funding for Manual Litter Patrol, particularly in the environmental justice-designated areas of Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Marble Hill in Bronx CD8. ? Commercial District Street Cleaning - Full restoration of all street cleaning and pickup services required for clean streets in commercial districts of Marble Hill, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Spuyten Duyvil, and Central and North Riverdale.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Sanitation</p>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
27	108202527E	<p>Request: Increase vacant lot cleaning</p> <p>Explanation: Increase funding for removal of litter on vacant lots and around building sites in CD8.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Sanitation</p>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports restoration of this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

Priority	Tracking Code	Project Information	Agency Response
37	108202537E	<p>Request: Provide or expand NYC organics collection program</p> <p>Explanation: Universal Curbside Organics Pick-up - Implement throughout Bronx CD 8</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Sanitation</p>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.
38	108202538E	<p>Request: Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal</p> <p>Explanation: Restore e-cycling program to include community drop-off for buildings with less than 10 units in Bronx District 8</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Sanitation</p>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

Currently funded, CB8 continues to support Expense #17 & 37

Fiscal Constraints, CB8 urgently supports funding Capital #23, CS and Expense # 22, 27, 38