

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
OF BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8**

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Riverdale Neighborhood House

Present:

R. Fanuzzi, L. Spalter, B. Bender, S. Froot, E. Garcia, C. Tepelus, D. Travis; K. Argenti, R. Spalter, I. C. Levenberg, N. Fazio

I. Acceptance of Minutes of June 2019 Environment and Sanitation Committee Meeting

II. Chair's Report:

- A. The Final Environmental Impact Statement for the DSNY Commercial Waste Zone is complete. The Draft EIS was reviewed at previous E and S/Economic Development joint committee meetings. The E and S committee recommended including transportation as an environmental impact.
- B. DEP now requires Backflow Prevention Devices to be installed in the following property types: properties with irrigation and sprinkler systems; inground swimming pools; auto repair shops; barber shops and beauty salons; car washes; medical, dental and veterinary facilities; laundries and dry cleaners. Backflow prevention devices prevent contaminated water from backflowing into the main water supply.
- C. DEP is launching a Water Conservation and Reuse Grant in pilot form. Institutional, multi-family residential, and commercial property owners as eligible. The grant program encourages on-site water reuse. Grant proposals for project that can save 2740 gallons per day are eligible. The deadline is October 1.
- D. Residents of Skyview brought odor complaints, previously discussed at E and S committee, to attention of Chair and District Manager. Residents were advised to ask for DOH health monitoring of affected residences.
- E. Borough budget consultations for DSNY are scheduled for September 16; DEP is scheduled for September 25
- F. The Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee meets on Monday October 7 at the Montefiore Community Center. Chair will bring Bx CB 8 resolution on North Basin of the Jerome Park Reservoir to attention of CFMC Jerome Park Reservoir.
- G. Chair reminded community committee members of the requirement for reappointment to Committee for 2019-20.

III. DEP Citywide Long Term Control Plan/Daylighting Tibbetts Brook

- A. DEP is proposing to daylight Tibbett's Brook as part of its Long Term Control Plan in Bronx Community District 8. DEP will be making a community presentation on Wednesday September 30 at the Van Cortlandt Park Golf House at 6:30 pm. Committee members are urged to attend.

IV. Water Working Group

- A. As reported by Karen Argenti, members of the community and Bronx Council for Environmental Quality wrote statements urging that the City Planning Commission take “no action” on the Department of City Planning Special Natural Resource District CEQR application. Bronx Council for Environmental Quality has called for a supplemental Environmental Impact statement to correct flaws in Draft Environmental Impact Statement and to measure impact of increased impervious surfaces, as described in the Draft Scope for the Environmental Impact Statement. BCEQ recommends a Supplemental Impact Statement to accurately measure impact of increasing impervious coverage of present SNAD from current 30% to projected 50-75%, as stated by DCP in its Scope for DEIS.
- B. “The Grove,” DEP owned property between Dickinson Place, Sedgwick Avenue, and Mosholu parkway, is being tested and considered by DEP for green infrastructure installations to intercept runoff from streets.

V. New Business

- A. Committee seeks future meetings on increasing trash pickup and placement of newly funded trash receptacles.
- B. DEP will be launching new Private Incentive Program under their Green Infrastructure program, designed for large properties with large parking lots and impervious surfaces.
- C. Community has noted increase in rat sightings and unwanted encounters in vicinity of Jerome Park Reservoir and DEP construction sites. Committee will bring to attention of District Service Cabinet, the Health and Hospitals Committee, and the DOH.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Fanuzzi, Chair