

Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Environment and Sanitation and Economic Development Committee

March 5, 2019 Land and Sea Restaurant

E and S Committee members

Robert Fanuzzi
Laura Spalter
Bob Bender
Steve Froot
Martin Gluck
Margaret Della
Paul Ellis
Robert Spalter, community member

Attendees and guests:

Mr. Iggy Terranova
Camelia Tepelus, NYC Small Business Services
Nick Fazio
Louis Lopez
George Diaz
Tracy Shelton, KRVC
Deborah Travis, Friends and Neighbors of Jerome Park

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

I. Joint Agenda

A. NYC Department of Sanitation Commercial Waste Zone

Mr. Iggy Terranova, Community Liaison officer for NYC Department of Sanitation reported on the plan and progress of the CWZ. He forecasts approval by the City Council this summer.

CWZ is designed to improve service to business and reduce the amount of trucks by designating a limited number of vendors within a community zone. This zone is not the same as a community district but is used only for contracting purposes; it does not supersede the community district with respect to services or affect the liaison with a community board.

The following questions were raised by attendees and committee members: can or will the local business owner suffer because they cannot shop and pick their own carter/vendor for waste services? Will service suffer because there are fewer vendors and therefore less competition? Does DSNY have a baseline of truck traffic from which to measure the intended impact of CWZ?

Mr. Terranova replied that DSNY, through the Business Integrity Commission, will monitor the CWZ contractors and apply DSNY standards. Chair noted that the revised Environmental Impact Statement calls for CWZ contractors to adopt current and any future regulations promulgated by DSNY. Mr. Terranova also

noted that DSNY has a list of current vendors and will be able to measure reduction in truck traffic. Committees recommended quantifiable measurement of CWZ outcomes, especially in traffic. Chair noted that the E and S committee request to measure traffic in DGEIS was not included or adopted in revised EIS.

- B. NYC Department of Sanitation Community Liaison Officer Terranova reported on the distribution of waste baskets along the Broadway corridor. Committees seek clean streets and effective waste removal to prevent flooding, storm sewer clogs, and to improve climate of the Central Business District. DSNY reports that merchants are responsible for cleaning their sidewalk in front of their business as well as 18 inches into the street. Inspections are scheduled 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the evening. Baskets are emptied every day but that the biggest reason for overspilling and overstuffed city wastebaskets is household garbage. Adopt-a-Basket and Sponsor a Basket are two ways through which merchant organizations, City Council representatives, and BIDs can apply for additional waste. Mr. Terranova stressed importance of sponsor or community organization to apply and manage extra baskets and other clean-up services.

Ms. Tracy Shelton reported that KRVC has assisted merchants form Marble Hill Merchants Association. KRVC also leads efforts with merchants and volunteers to clean up garbage and beautify the 228th street and 242nd Street business communities.

The E and S committee congratulated Mr. Iggy Terranova on his retirement and exceptional public service to Bronx Community Board 8.

II. Environment and Sanitation Committee Agenda

A. Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the Environment and Sanitation Committee January 16, 2019 meeting were approved (6-0-0)

B. Chair's Report

1. Chair will report at next meeting at Storm Water Infrastructure Matters meeting on January 31 addressing storm water management policies of DEP.
2. Committee submitted the following sites to DSNY for enforcement of littering violations from moving vehicles:
 - a. Broadway at 225th street, 231^s street, 238th street cross streets
 - b. Henry Hudson Parkway West from 246th to 250th streets.
 - c. Palisades Avenue and W. 231st street.
 - d. Johnson Avenue to Kappock Street
3. Committee submitted the following sites and suggestions to DEP for the summer Water on the Go program
 - a. 231st and Broadway
 - b. Riverdale Run locations on May 19th
 - c. Van Cortandt Park and 242nd street

- d. Bronx RiverFest, June 8-9th, College of Mount St. Vincent
- e. Marble Hill Family Day, August tbd,

- 4. E and S Committee capital priority for 2020, Purchase CSX Greenway did not receive accurate response from NYC DEP because it was mislabeled in the budget template. Committee asked for response to corrected 2020 capital request.

C. New Business

- 1. In preparation for February meeting that was cancelled due to weather, Deborah Travis of Friends and Neighbors of Jerome Park led R. Fanuzzi and community committee member Karen Argenti on tour of “high flow” areas in Kingsbridge Heights and Fort Independence neighborhoods. Four areas were inspected that showed evidence of runoff: the jogging path within Fort Independence Park; Fort Independence Park and Sedgwick Avenue/Van Cortlandt Ave West; 238th street and Cannon Place in front of the step streets; and Kingsbridge Terrace in front of the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center.

Committee will discuss sites at April meeting, which will be devoted to budget priorities.

Ms. Travis also noted difficulty of maintaining 238th street step street due to steep incline. Committee seeks commitment from City Council-funded Feb Cap program to assist with clean-up.

D. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9: 15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Fanuzzi
Chair