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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

Sanitation and Environmental Protection Committee Meeting

Minutes, Wednesday, April 23, 2008 6:30 PM

Meeting held at the CB 7 Board Office

Attendees: Gregory Faulkner Chair, Fernando Tirado District Manager, Lowell Green, Michael Pimental, Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky Committee Chair & recorder and Effie Ardizonne, DEP.

- I) DEP - Introduced Ms. Ardizonne from the Bureau of Community Affairs of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
- A) Discussed how to call in a DEP problem. An address is very important or the call will not be logged. Usage of the proper terms helps in getting calls logged in and responded to properly. Catch basins and drains are usually what we see on Mosholu Parkway that are clogged.
 - B) Reported Problems to DEP:
 - 1) It was reported that an area of Mosholu Parkway from 204th Street to Hull Ave has all the catch basins clogged. Ms. Ardizonne will follow-up on this section.
 - 2) A large pool approximately 20-25feet in size is created on 204th street when it rains. Cave-ins are the responsibility of DEP, pot holes are the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation (DOT).
 - C) DEP Programs:
 - 1) DEP has a program where they check on all the catch basins and related equipment at least once every three years.
 - 2) Through the Fire Department Sprinkler caps are distributed during the summer for the children to play. Certain Locked down districts (if there was hydrant abuse in the past) may need help in turning on the hydrants. Call DEP or the Fire Department ahead of time or notify Ms. Ardizonne, if you need help in turning on a hydrant in a locked down district.
 - 3) Handle complaints regarding leaks, illegal dumping of grease or food down sewer drains, water quality reports and noise complaints.
 - 4) Payment Incentive Program (PIP). This program offers help with payments. If you enter the payment agreement program, the penalties are removed from the bill.
 - D) Hydrant Education Action Teams (HEAT). This is an outreach program to inform residents about the dangers of low water pressure which results from illegal usage of fire hydrants. Mr. Faulkner expressed interest in CB 7 being involved in a pilot program being expanded this summer.
- II) Requests:
- A) Chair Gregory Faulkner asked about the possibility of accessibility to the Jerome Park Reservoir (adjacent to Lehman College), there has been interest in this area for recreation for some time now. Ms. Ardizonne will raise this issue with DEP and we can start a dialogue. We learned that it takes 16 hours for the water in the Jerome Park Reservoir to get into the NYC water system.
 - B) We requested a listing of the locked down hydrants in CB 7. We were told we are a locked down district.
 - C) To be kept updated on the Croton Forced Main Project's- Sludge removal project. This project will remove residual materials from the building of the filtration plant. It will involve some disruption in traffic on Bainbridge and Webster Avenues in 2009 (projected start date). The Police Department and Montefiore Hospital will need to be involved when we meet on this. Ms. Ardizonne stated that there will be a building above ground at the filtration plant site. CB 7 requested to see the final proposals for the building as well as the new plans for the golf course.

III) Next meeting: May 15 at 6:30 PM at the CB 7 office.