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Cesar Yoc, Committee Chairperson

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Environmental justice and sanitation issues in NYC.

- Committee discusses initiative to reduce waste in community through education and community garden participation.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc: Committee to partner with Sanitation Foundation for cleanups in district.
- Anthony Jordan and Committee Chair Cesar Yoc discuss design of T-shirts for community members.
- Member Argelia Ortiz passes motion to approve T-shirts with Green Planet design.

Cleanliness and economic development in a NYC district.

- Mr. Herman Francis Jr. discusses cleanliness issues in the district, including trash and messy conditions, and mentions 27 methadone clinics in the area.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan agrees that cleanliness is important for economic development and mental health.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan works with DSNY District superintendent to address problematic areas.

Dog waste and illegal dumping in a NYC housing development.

- Mr. Herman Francis Jr. expresses frustration with neighbors not picking up after their dogs in the building's hallway.
- Mr. Herman Francis Jr. discusses illegal dumping and the consequences of getting caught, including a \$5,000 summons.

Waste management and recycling in NYCHA, including loitering and littering issues.

- Residents in NYCHA complexes face challenges with trash and recycling collection due to lack of enforcement of regulations and loitering.
- Herman Francis Jr. and others discuss issues with the transit system and quality of life in a neighborhood.

Waste management progress and challenges in a city.

- Vice President of Waste Management Operations Alfred Ferguson highlights progress in containerization and collection.
- Mr. Ferguson describes efforts to increase containerization options for waste collection in Chicago, with a focus on education and promoting recycling programs.
- Mr. Ferguson also discusses the issue of illegal dumping and the efforts made to identify and address critical sites with sanitation.

Waste management in NYCHA developments, including bulk waste removal and inspection team.

- Community board addresses illegal dumping through surveillance and wildlife management.
- Mr. Ferguson discusses changes in waste management practices and their impact on numbers.
- NYCHA increased bulk waste removal by 50% and implemented a scorecard inspection team to improve property maintenance.

Waste management and recycling initiatives in NYCHA developments.

- Developers work with waste management to create individual waste action plans.
- Executive Vice President of Operations Keith Grossman discusses NYCHA's recycling program, including the use of clear bags for recyclables and the importance of proper disposal.
- Mr. Grossman highlights the high recyclability rate of materials thrown out or left near properties, emphasizing the need for proper disposal.
- Mr. Grossman discusses NYCHA's recycling program, including mattress recycling since August 2021.
- NYCHA has recycled 80% of mattresses, with 1100 tons recycled so far.

Waste management and recycling programs in New York City.

- Mr. Grossman discusses yard waste collection and composting in the Bronx, starting in fall 2023.
- Mr. Ferguson oversees waste management, pest management, heating, elevators, emergency services, and learning and development.

Pest management strategies for apartment complexes.

- Residents report decreased complaints and faster response times to pest issues.
- City's pest management team is working with specialized teams, Health Department, and technology to reduce rat infestations.
- Mr. Grossman discusses how to create a safe and accessible environment for residents, including plantings and green spaces.
- Mr. Ferguson describes the process of working with community members to create a password environment and maintain green spaces.

Waste management and recycling initiatives in NYC.

- Mr. Ferguson outlines plan to create 15 community gardens citywide, with partnerships and grant proposals.
- Mr. Grossman discusses the benefits of using fewer, larger augers for waste collection, including reduced maintenance and easier maintenance.
- Mr. Ferguson explains how the city is transitioning from curbside pickup to centralized bulk collection, reducing disruptions and improving efficiency.

Pest management and rat infestations in apartments.

- Residents can bring pine trees for mulching in January.
- Speakers discuss rat infestation in apartments, highlighting plastering issues as main cause.
- Integrated pest management involves identifying and sealing entry points to prevent infestations.

Property management issues and rating system for improvement.

- Call center frustrations stem from limited trade options and long repair times.
- Member China Copperstone asks about consequences of rating system, if it's towards management team or tenants.
- Mr. Ferguson explains that individualized action plans are being implemented to address violations and improve garbage disposal.

Waste management and containerization in NYC.

- Mr. Grossman discusses containerization in waste management, highlighting its benefits and challenges.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc and Mr. Ferguson discuss electrification of trucks and waste collection.

NYCHA garden maintenance and rat infestation.

- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc discusses issues with rat infestation in a community garden, blaming nearby buildings for the problem.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc mentions a contractor damaging plants in a garden, and Mr. Ferguson asks for information on the contractor and garden location.
- Mr. Grossman highlights the importance of communication with contractors and vendors in a residential setting, and Mr. Ferguson expresses interest in following up on the garden issue.
- Members discuss challenges with implementing new programs for NYCHA public housing.

Pest management and waste issues in a NYC housing development.

- Developers prioritize compliance with NYCHA regulations for rapid developments.
- Executive Vice President of Intergovernmental Affairs Brian Honan mentions neighboring developments with substandard waste containers, contributing to rodent infestations.
- Anthony Jordan evaluates the effectiveness of project or initiative in large agency like Nigeria, considering mitigating factors and report card system.
- Mr. Honan highlights the agreement with the federal government in 2019 as a key difference in approach to managing waste and pests.
- Mr. Honan notes that the monitorship provides consistency in priorities despite changes in leadership.

Modernizing public housing with sustainable energy systems.

- Mr. Honan discusses sustainability efforts in public housing, including geothermal heating systems and a sustainability team.
- Mr. Honan discusses the BMS system, which regulates heat at 72 degrees, causing culture change and resident engagement challenges.
- Modern systems are being implemented in public housing, including pneumatic garbage collection and heating and cooling systems.
- Mr. Honan emphasizes importance of environmental justice and sanitation in Queens.

Action Items

- Follow up on jurisdictional issues regarding a community garden mentioned by Cesar Yoc.
- Provide more details on a contractor incident at the same community garden and look into responsibility issues.
- Look into potential ways to rodent-proof the community garden mentioned.
- Schedule a waste assets catalog training for property managers.