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Environmental Justice & Sanitation

September 18th, 2024

Cesar Yoc, Committee Chairperson

Attendance: *Cesar Yoc, Argelia Ortiz, Matthew Shore, Melanie Giler*

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Adding Matthew Shore to the Agenda

- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc introduces himself as the chair of the environmental justice and sanitation committee and outlines the agenda for the meeting.
- A motion is made to add Matthew Shore to the agenda for public speaking, representing South Bronx Unite.
- The motion is seconded by Member Argelia Ortiz, and the motion is passed with no abstentions or discussions.

Introduction of New Business and Environmental Justice Initiatives

- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses the committee's focus on environmental justice and sanitation issues in the district.
- The Department of Sanitation will report on strategic ideas to improve district cleanliness and safety, including fall initiatives.
- A collaboration with Commissioner Jessica Tisch's office is planned to focus on environmental justice issues, including historic dumping sites and education campaigns.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan emphasizes the importance of community involvement in making the district cleaner and safer, highlighting the benefits for mental health and economic development.

Discussion on Dog Manure and Littering Issues

- Member Argelia Ortiz raises concerns about dog manure in the district and the lack of enforcement of laws regarding pet waste.

- Herman Francis Jr. shares a personal anecdote about the lack of enforcement of dog manure laws in his neighborhood.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc suggests preparing questions for the Department of Sanitation to address these issues during their upcoming presentation.
- The importance of education and community involvement in addressing environmental justice and sanitation issues is emphasized.

District Needs and Community Engagement

- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the community district needs process and the importance of identifying pressing issues for the district.
- The board will focus on three to four primary issues to present to the Bronx Borough President and the Mayor for funding.
- Successful advocacy has led to the addition of more trash receptacles around the district, with plans to place them strategically.
- Herman Francis Jr. and Committee Chair Cesar Yoc discuss the importance of community engagement and voting to address issues like trash and dog manure.

Green Map and Community Cleanup Initiatives

- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc introduces the idea of a green map to show green assets and problem areas in the district.
- The green map would use data and pictures to identify systemic issues and track progress over time.
- The committee plans to create green t-shirts for community members to participate in cleanups and education efforts.
- The goal is to have consistent cleanups and education to create long-term changes in the community.

Department of Environmental Protection and Power Authority Updates

- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses the Department of Environmental Protection's lead pipe replacement project and the Pacific grant for homeowners.
- The committee will work with the Department of Environmental Protection to address lead contamination issues.
- The committee will also address the closure of the peaker power plant and advocate for renewable energy solutions.
- Matthew Shore supports the campaign to shut down the peaker plants and transition to renewable energy.

Community Engagement and Waterfront Activation

- Matthew Shore announces the partnership with the Bronx EDC as a co-applicant for the EPA community change grant.
- The grant aims to activate parts of the waterfront and improve accessibility.
- The committee will work with NYC EDC and the Mayor's Office of Climate and Environmental Justice to support the grant application.
- The goal is to create a stepping stone for further funding and activation of the waterfront.

Final Announcements and Adjournment

- District Manager Anthony Jordan announces the upcoming Community Board General Board meeting on September 26 at YMCA La Central.
- The meeting will include a public hearing on rezoning and a report from the Bronx District Attorney on prosecutions and arrests.
- Members are encouraged to attend the meeting and participate in the discussions.
- The meeting is adjourned with no further announcements or motions.

Action Items

Prepare questions for DSNY presentation in October.

Finalize green corps t-shirt design and ordering.

Continue developing green map project with OTI and identifying potential graduate fellow to support.

Submit EPA grant application by end of October.