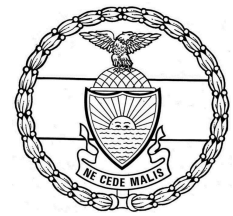


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ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE

Chair:	Betty Arce
Meeting Date:	September 3, 2024
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center 3225 Reservoir Oval E, Bronx, NY 10467
Members In Attendance:	✓ Betty Arce ✓ Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky ✓ Jean Hill __ Rosalie Leslie __ Lowell Green __ Gwen Thomas-Steed ✓ Johanna Jackson
Minutes done by:	Betty Arce

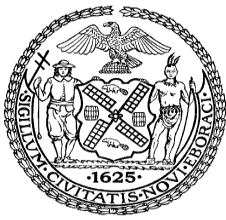
Minutes:

- I. Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the meeting were read**
- II. Introductions/Attendance** – New board member Johanna Jackson was introduced and quorum was met
- III. Review of Previous Minutes** - Minutes were approved.
- IV. Follow-up from Previous Month** - None
- V. New Business**
 - A. Department of Sanitation, (DSNY) –**
 - 1. The Chair briefed the committee on 2 significant roll-outs
 - a) Curbside Composting service will be available to ALL Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island residents starting October 6, 2024.
 - b) Beginning November 12, 2024, all properties with 1-9 residential units will be required to use bins, 55 gallons or less, with secure lids for trash set out. *As of March 1, 2024,*

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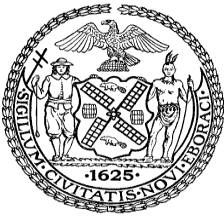


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ALL businesses in NYC must use bins with secure lids when setting out trash for collection.

B. Review of FY '25 Capital & Expense Budget Request Agency Responses

1. The committee began an initial review of several items:
 - a) Clean catch basins – members were not satisfied with this response as this is a recurring problem during rainstorms. Therefore, the committee is requesting a schedule of cleanings in problem areas.
 - (1) Discussion ensued on whether catch basins have grates or screens to prevent debris from clogging the basins that results in flooding.
 - (2) A community member new to the neighborhood offered information about measures taken in Seattle that use storm drain filters. The committee will follow up with DEP to explore these measures for consideration that may help with flooding caused by clogged catch basins.
 - b) The committee then discussed the need for more aggressive enforcement of dirty sidewalks/areas and failure to clean area laws.
 - (1) There is a laxity by both commercial and residential property owners that is contributing to garbage and trash along the sidewalks and streets.
 - (2) The litter is an eyesore and health problem and members feel that the city needs to make this a priority and find the funds to increase personnel to give out summonses if necessary.



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c) Given the time, the committee did not have an opportunity to address any remaining items as well as have a discussion about FY '26 Budget Requests. Discussions will continue.

VI. Next Meeting Date - November 6, 2024

VII. Discussion on Next Agenda -

A. DEP Presentation on Flooding

B. DSNY Update on Containerization Requirement for Residential Properties with 1-9 Units, Curbside Composting to All of The Bronx, and Increase in Commercial Fine Amounts for Repeat Offenders.

VIII. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm