

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
COMMUNITY BOARD # 17
4112 FARRAGUT ROAD
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11210**

Minutes of December 18, 2023

SANITATION/DEP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT:

Michael Hill
Monica McKain – Brown
Hazel Martinez
Vanessa Quashie
Lilieth Heron Robinson
Symone Sylvester
Jorge Tait
Carol Reneau
Leonie Logan

ABSENT:

Yolanda Alleyne
Edgar Frank Frederick
Lisa Highland
Theo Maughan
Donald Myrie
Jadeeva Smith
Eduardo Cameron
Evrick Brown
Kenrick Wescott

EXCUSED:

Frederick Watson, Jr.

GUEST:

The Sanitation/DEP Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Virtually via WebEx.

Mr. Michael Hill called the meeting to order. He asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Everyone introduced themselves.

Summary

Notes

The community is frustrated with ongoing sanitation issues, lack of action from the sanitation department, and favoritism towards other neighborhoods, leading them to consider more direct approaches such as visiting the sanitation offices and seeking media coverage, as well as holding a meeting with elected officials and the sanitation commissioner to demand accountability.

- There are ongoing sanitation issues in the community, including trash dumping and lack of street sweeping.
- The community has been communicating these issues to the sanitation department, but there has been no resolution or update.
- The community members express frustration with the lack of action and favoritism towards other neighborhoods.
- It is suggested that a more direct approach, such as visiting the sanitation offices and seeking media coverage, may be necessary to get the issues addressed.
- The meeting participants are frustrated with the lack of action and lip service from sanitation services in their community.

- They suggest holding a meeting with elected officials and the sanitation commissioner to address these issues and demand accountability.
- There is a concern about the turnover of sanitation crews, which leads to unresolved problems and lack of communication between crews.
- The participants plan to send a letter from the community board to elected officials requesting a joint notice to the sanitation commissioner for a meeting.
- The discussion is centered around presenting a proposal letter to the chair of the board for approval.
- There is a disagreement about whether the letter needs to be presented at the monthly meeting with the executive board or if it can be approved by the chair of the board.
- Concerns are raised about flooded basements and streets, and it is suggested to document these issues with pictures for future reference.

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Action items

- Schedule a date to visit the sanitation offices and bring evidence of the ongoing issues [13:49](#)
- Coordinate efforts and gather support from community members to address the problems [15:06](#)
- Explore the possibility of getting press coverage for the issues [15:28](#)
- Reach out to elected officials and request a joint letter to be sent to the Commissioner of Sanitation requesting a meeting with the community to address grievances and discuss solutions. [28:29](#)
- Reach out to the chair of the board to discuss the proposal letter and seek approval [34:09](#)
- Look into the installation of DP installation of BIOS dwells in the community and their effectiveness in preventing flooding [41:19](#)
- Follow up on the issue of flooded streets, particularly Glenwood Road between East 40th and Albany [43:52](#)
- Address the issue of re-pitched streets causing flooding at specific locations, such as the bus stop on Glenwood Road [44:31](#)