

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

Minutes of November 20, 2023

SANITATION/DEP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT:

Michael Hill
Monica McKain – Brown
Hazel Martinez
Lilieth Heron Robinson
Symone Sylvester

ABSENT:

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

EXCUSED:

Frederick Watson, Jr.
Leonie Logan
Jorge Tait

GUEST:

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The Sanitation/DEP Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 20, 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 meeting discussed concerns about cars having their license plates removed during street cleaning, and Michael Hill suggested coordination between sanitation and the police department to address this issue. Additionally, it was emphasized that the community should demand respect and attention from the sanitation department through demonstrations and visits to relevant offices, while also involving concerned individuals and promoting communication between departments. Dennis Robinson Hannah proposed forming a united force with other block associations to address the issues.

- The speaker, Michael Hill, had a meeting with someone from the sanitation community affairs office who did not have satisfactory answers to address community concerns.
- The issue discussed was cars having their license plates removed during street cleaning, and the speaker suggested coordination between sanitation and the police department to address this.
- The speaker emphasized the need for the community to demand respect and attention from the sanitation department by organizing demonstrations and visiting relevant offices.
- Michael Hill suggests reaching out to people who are concerned about the issues and getting them involved in addressing the problems.

- He mentions that pointing fingers and blaming each other will not solve the issues, and that communication between different departments is necessary for resolving certain problems.
- Dennis Robinson Hannah suggests reaching out to other block associations to form a united force in addressing the issues.

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Action items

- Organize a demonstration at the appropriate offices within a month to send a message that the community demands attention and action.[07:12](#)
- Identify three different offices to visit, starting with Garage 17, to show that the community is actively seeking answers and solutions.[13:11](#)
- Draft a letter to inquire about the impact of service cuts and how they plan to resolve them.[17:05](#)
- Reach out to the sanitation commissioner and request a meeting with her to discuss the issues and demand her presence in the community.[21:15](#)
- Reach out to people in block associations and other neighborhoods who are concerned about the issues discussed[22:32](#)
- Take a poll or use a Doodle poll to determine availability and schedule a meeting with the block association president[23:12](#)
- Contact the E.D.P. (city of New York) to discuss concerns about the installation of bio swales and rain gardens, request a community representative to speak with residents, and inquire about alternatives such as infiltration basins[30:35](#)