

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

*Minutes of October 21, 2023*

**SANITATION/DEP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Michael Hill  
Monica McKain – Brown  
Leonie Logan  
Lilieth Heron Robinson  
Hazel Martinez  
Eduardo Cameron  
Evrick Brown  
Symone Sylvester  
Jorge Tait  
Vanessa Quashie  
Kenrick Wescott

**ABSENT:**

Yolanda Alleyne  
Edgar Frank Frederick  
Lisa Highland  
Theo Maughan  
Donald Myrie

**EXCUSED:**

Frederick Watson, Jr.

**GUEST:**

Milo Blair  
Julia James  
Jadeeva Smith  
Alexandra  
TS Candii  
Ms. Brown

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*The Sanitation/DEP Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 21, 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.

**Notes**

The meeting discussed ongoing complaints about abandoned vehicles, parking difficulties, garbage accumulation, uncollected trash, lack of street sweeping, and dumpsters causing issues, with suggestions including compiling complaint numbers and evidence, involving the news for attention, scheduling meetings with sanitation and police representatives for accountability, and potentially involving media attention and community action for a more direct approach to address these issues.

- Michael Hill discusses complaints from the previous meeting, including issues with abandoned vehicles and difficulty finding parking.
- Kenrick reports on garbage on Clouden Road and cars without license plates on 52nd Street.
- Hazel Martinez raises concerns about lack of improvement in response to complaints, including uncollected garbage, street sweeping not being done, and dumpsters causing issues.
- There are complaints about trucks not properly cleaning the streets in the community.
- The group discusses compiling complaint numbers and providing evidence with pictures to the commissioner.
- There is a suggestion to get the news involved to bring attention to the issue.
- The group also discusses the lack of enforcement by traffic agents and suggests scheduling meetings with both sanitation and police representatives for accountability.

- There is a discussion about the responsibility of the Department of Sanitation in cleaning up the neighborhood and addressing trash issues.
- There are complaints about trash accumulation in certain areas and concerns about the effectiveness of the Department of Sanitation's schedule.
- The meeting participants discuss the need for a more direct approach, potentially involving media attention and community action, to address these issues.
- Jadeeva Smith suggests placing trash cans on residential streets in addition to commercial streets for convenience and to reduce littering.
- JL James CPA suggests that bins should be placed on residential streets by request only, rather than being placed everywhere.
- Leoni Logan cautions against placing bins in residential areas based on past experiences of overflowing and misuse.
- The meeting is focused on addressing ongoing complaints and issues.
- Michael Hill, the new chair, expresses the need for action and a change in approach to resolve the problems.
- Hazel Martinez and Vanessa Quashie highlight the lack of progress in resolving complaints over the years.
- There is a discussion about reaching out to sanitation, attending meetings, and taking personal initiatives to address the issues.

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#### Action items

- Follow up with MS Cunningham regarding the issues with abandoned vehicles and difficulty finding places to park [0:01:05](#)
- Initiate 301 complaints for the reported issues, including garbage on 52nd street and cloud enrolled, cars without license plates on 702 52nd street, and restaurant garbage on Claridyn road [0:02:14](#)
- Put Miss Cuttingham on notice about the concerns raised during the meeting [0:07:12](#)
- Address the issue of trucks parked on East 42nd street that prevent sanitation from cleaning [0:12:30](#)
- Michael Hill will be in touch with the trucks on East 40 seconds to gather more information. [0:16:33](#)
- Symone Sylvester suggests compiling the 301 complaints and sharing them with MS Cunningham at the next meeting. [0:17:17](#)
- Michael Hill will inquire about getting both sanitation and the 67th precinct to attend future meetings for better accountability. [0:20:02](#)
- Vanessa Quashie will provide her email address to share pictures and evidence of missed street cleanings with the commissioner. [0:39:01](#)
- Follow up on the issue of trash in Flatbush Gardens and inquire about the application of new rules for putting out garbage [0:39:37](#)
- Look into the rat problem and the status of getting contractors to address it [0:40:28](#)
- Speak to Miss Cuttingham and address the issues discussed [0:42:16](#)
- Consider organizing a community protest or demonstration to bring attention to the issues and force action from officials [0:42:32](#)
- Inquire about addressing graffiti in the neighborhood [0:57:12](#)
- Clarify if MS is still in the office or in the field [1:01:46](#)
- Follow up with MS about issuing tickets for commercial businesses [1:02:15](#)
- Ask MS about the process to get sanitation to clean the streets effectively [1:03:25](#)
- Reconnect with Miss Cuttingham about prior complaints and discuss the current set of complaints [1:06:54](#)
- Invite Miss Cuttingham to attend one of the meetings to hear directly from the committee members [1:07:37](#)