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The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8

Environment & Sanitation Committee
Wednesday, January 23, 2013
Brick Presbyterian Church
62 E. 92nd Street, Carnegie Room
6:30 pm

Topic 1: Discussion of Sanitation Issues of Concern re: 444 E. 82nd Street
(The Clermont)

Board Members Present: Debbie Teitelbaum, Dave Kleckner, Michele Birnbaum,
Barbara Rudder, Elaine Walsh

Number of Attendees: 12 (sign-in sheet attached)

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

A brief presentation was made and photographs distributed by Mr. John Hart, a resident of 1550 York Avenue, citing concerns about disorderly set-out of trash and recyclables along York Avenue between E. 81st and E. 82nd Streets by The Clermont building located at the corner of York Avenue and E. 82nd Street.

Bags of trash are set out by the Clermont for NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) collection received on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and for recyclables collection on Mondays. Photographs (2 examples attached) highlighted and documented Mr. Hart's contention that bagged trash and recyclables have consumed much of the sidewalk and created an unsightly condition from the corner of E. 81st Street to the bus stop near the corner of E. 82nd Street.

A representative of the Clermont's management company, Abe Rill of Broadwall Management, was in attendance. He did not provide any indication that the Clermont would take any steps to address the concerns raised at the meeting.

Mr. Iggy Terranova, Citywide Community Affairs Officer for DSNY believes that trash and recyclables are not set out properly by the Clermont, and that the situation can and should be addressed. He noted that setting out trash and recyclables instead on E. 81st Street is not feasible or desirable because it would require collection truck re-routing, the truck that services E. 81st Street is at capacity. Collection on E. 81st Street also would block traffic flow.

Mr. Terranova of DSNY is confident that the problem can be resolved by his meeting with and training Clermont staff. He plans to meet with building staff as soon as

Monday January 28th and to spend two weeks working with the building to have the problem corrected including by their properly stacking bags of trash and recyclables set out for collection. He will discuss with the building superintendent the rules, regulations and standard procedures to follow. If the Clermont fails to correct the problem, they can expect to receive fines starting at \$100 for an initial violation and \$300 per violation for repeat incidents during any 12-month period. Fines may include violations for early set-out and for set-out of loose rubbish.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PASSED ON JANUARY 23, 2013:

Whereas, set out of trash and recyclables by the Clermont building, located at 444 E. 82nd Street is not performed in a neat, orderly and proper manner thereby creating an unsightly and potentially hazardous condition;

Whereas, the NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) proposes to meet with building staff at the Clermont for approximately two weeks beginning as soon as late January 2013 to provide training on proper set-out, and information on enforcement and fines for violations;

Therefore, be it resolved that Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8) urges the Clermont to meet and cooperate with DSNY, and to address community concerns, pertaining to the set-out of trash and recyclables on York Avenue for DSNY collection;

Be it further resolved that if the situation is not corrected by the Clermont in a timely manner and on a permanent basis, CB8 urges DSNY to undertake applicable enforcement actions.

Vote: 5 in favor (Teitelbaum, Kleckner, Birnbaum, Rudder, Walsh).
0 Opposed. 0 Abstained.

Topic 1: Discussion of Litter and Related Sanitation Issues of Concern along E. 86th Street

The Doe Fund no longer provides trash and litter control services on E. 86th Street, and the result has been a noticeable increase in sidewalk and street litter along this thoroughfare. The East 86th Street Neighborhood Association has taken steps to alleviate the problem, including but not limited to hiring to have litter baskets serviced and tree pits cleaned. The Association also requests additional assistance to be provided by DSNY.

Tony Morenzi of Assembly Member Micah Kellner's Office asked Iggy Terranova of DSNY at the meeting if the agency still seeks to enforce rules during specified hours of the day that require stores to sweep litter to 18" from the curb. Mr. Terranova responded that the rules are still in effect, and also said that he will undertake a new door-to-door effort to remind stores of the requirements, and then will follow-up with enforcement efforts that would include fines for violators. He invited, and encouraged members of CB8, the E. 86th Street Neighborhood Association, elected officials and other concerned parties to accompany him on his rounds.

Emma Lowe of Council Member Garodnick's Office noted that she has been discussing concerns with the East 86th Street Neighborhood Association, and that Council Member Garodnick had already spoken with Mr. Terranova of DSNY to request increased enforcement and street cleaning. There appeared to be agreement at the CB8 meeting that conditions have improved, with more improvement still needed.

Elaine Walsh of CB8, speaking on behalf of the E. 86th Street Neighborhood Association noted that the association will convene morning meetings with small groups of the neighborhood retailers, and will invite DSNY and elected officials to attend. The discussion groups will be intended to engage the community in a manner that leads to improvements along E. 86th Street.

Meeting adjourned at ~8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Kleckner and Debbie Teitelbaum
Co-chairs Environment and Sanitation Committee

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