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The City of New York
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Environment and Sanitation Committee

Lenox Hill Hospital
130 East 77th Street (Lexington-Park)
Theatre Room
Tuesday, February 21, 2017
6:30PM

Minutes

Member Present: Michelle Birnbaum, Jim Clynes, Ed Hartzog, Abraham Salcedo, Cos Spagnoletti

1. New York State Senator Liz Krueger will speak on the general environmental issue.
- Senator Krueger covered a broad range of topics, including fracking, plastic bags and a proposal for passing a New York State constitutional amendment to provide for a right to clean air and water. She noted that PA is a state that has such provision in its constitution and have used that to combat fracking in their state. She further noted that currently several states are working together to craft wording for such amendments in their state. She highlighted that on the Nov 2017 ballot NY residents will be asked whether they are in favor of calling for a constitutional convention.
2. A presentation from Goodwill NYNJ on their new Upper East Side mobile pilot project, with the goal of creating a more convenient donating experience.
- Vanessa Mack presented on the Goodwill initiative to make the donating experience easier for residents. She noted that the Goodwill is piloting on demand pick up for donations as well as having donation stands on the sidewalk near subway stations. There was concern from some attendees that these sidewalk collection stands would be unsightly and also further clutter the sidewalks on the UES. One committee member asked that Goodwill explore all other donation alternatives (such as working with residential buildings to have bins in those building) before resorting to the sidewalk collection.
3. Any Other Business –
 - Co-chair Abraham Salcedo raised old business to inform the committee that a resolution passed by Community Board 8 calling on Comptroller Stringer to conduct an audit of the E 91st Street Marine Transfer Station. Accordingly, the committee asked that CB8 Chair Jim Clynes reach out to the Comptroller's Office to obtain a response.

Abraham Salcedo and Cos Spagnoletti, Co-Chairs Environment and Sanitation Committee