

Alida Camp
Chair

Will Brightbill
District Manager



505 Park Avenue, Suite 620
New York, N.Y. 10022-1106
(212) 758-4340
(212) 758-4616 (Fax)
www.cb8m.com - Website
info@cb8m.com - E-Mail

The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Environment and Sanitation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 23, 2020 - 6:30PM
This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom

Minutes

CB8 Members Present: Alida Camp, Saundra Coleman, Craig Lader, Barbara Rudder, Cos Spagnoletti, Russell Squire, Marco Tamayo

1. Discussion of a water main break at E. 71 Street Between 2nd and 1st Avenues

Prior to the meeting, the committee received information from DEP regarding the break, and the committee discussed the information.

There was a water main break on East 71st Street between 2nd and 1st Avenues that had taken place on December 20 at 11:00 am. The break caused flooding in the street. Water service was suspended for 500 households in the area shortly thereafter. Repair work began at 12:45 pm and continued into the night. At 2:00 am the following morning, water service was restored. At 4:00 pm on December 21, repair work had been completed and the street was reopened.

The committee discussed the problem of aging infrastructure. A member of the public who lives in the vicinity of the break commended DEP on the speed with which it fixed the problem.

2. Introduction to Environmental Justice

In the wake of the killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and others, 2020 saw a wave of activism and protest against racism in policing and in society more broadly. During a discussion of how to respond and participate, Community Board 8 determined that it would not only create a new committee to address issues of social justice, but that existing committees should also look to examine these issues as they relate to the committees' areas of responsibility.

The committee received a presentation on Environmental Justice issues from CB8 member Saundra I. Coleman. Ms. Coleman pointed out that Environmental Justice is wide ranging, and problems facing communities of color include disproportionate exposure to air and water pollution and other deleterious conditions, as well as inadequate access to healthy food and

safe, clean outdoor spaces. There was a discussion of Environmental Justice issues that the committee can address in future meetings.

3. Old Business

Community Board 8 Chair Alida Camp sent a letter (with the committee's input) to DSNY regarding air quality monitoring at the MTS, which had been discussed at the November meeting. When the committee receives a response to the letter, we will address it at a future meeting.

4. New Business

There was no new business.

Whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Russell Squire and Cos Spagnoletti, Co-Chairs