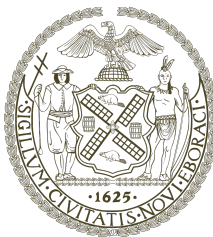


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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Sanitation and Environment Committee
Thursday, June 18, 2026 – 6:30 pm
This meeting was conducted via Zoom**

Please note: The resolution contained in the committee minutes is a recommendation submitted by the committee co-chairs to the Community Board. At the monthly full board meeting, the resolution is discussed and voted upon by all members of Community Board 8 Manhattan.

Resolution for Approval:

Item 2: Resolution calling on the New York City Council to increase funding to DSNY for trash pick-ups.

Minutes

CB8 Attendance: P. Gayle Baron, Judy Schneider, Margaret Price, Sahar Husain (co-chair), Addeson Lehv (co-chair), Valerie Mason and John McClement.

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 21

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Item 1: An opportunity for the residents of CB8 district to directly share issues and suggestions with the officials from the local elected offices in our district.

(6:39) Esther Caroline, Policy Director of Manhattan Borough President Brad Hoylman-Sigal presented her report on 'Dog Waste through 311 complaints for the last 28 months'. She provided a floor map and emphasized that neighbors should call 311 actively for any sanitation concerns in the community. She highlighted that dog waste can become food for the rats and could lead to health issues. She showed various locations in CB8 that visualize this concern. She mentioned a negative correlation between fewer litter baskets and higher dog complaints. She mentioned there are no dog waste bag dispensers in the CB8 district because of the lack of resources for replenishing the dog waste dispenser bags. Private funding through BIDs and public funding from local Council Members can play a role in improving this situation.

(19:23) Esther also presented a Manhattan Community Board Dog Waste Report Card, showing that CB8 was fourth highest on this issue, receiving a grade C. This percentage and rating were based on the fact that, 0.8% of complaints were for Dog Waste in the 311 reporting from our district.

(25:03) Esther mentioned that BIDs or private resources assigned to sanitation, may create a positive impact, though she also said this wasn't displaying a specific trend in her report. She mentioned that the reason could be that commercial areas or BIDS receive more private resources from businesses, but also have more dog and human traffic, so they probably negate each other. Also, in her report it was noted that streets have more complaints than avenues and in the winter, there is usually a spike in dog waste.

(28:02) CB8 Chair Valerie Mason mentioned a new pilot program being explored for dog waste on First Avenue, to catch those individuals who aren't cleaning their dogs' waste. Board Member Judy Schneider shared her experience a few years ago with East Sixties Neighborhood Association using signs to deter dog waste through a two-week program along First and Third Avenues. They worked closely with the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) and Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) to inform the neighbors about a \$100 fine for dog waste from DSNY. These signs were posted on trees along First and Third Avenue in the East 60s, then for two weeks a representative from DSNY would give fines to individuals who broke the law. Judy emphasized that this should be applied again since it could be effective way to address the dog waste issue in the community.

(41:33) Yania Campbell, Senior Community Liaison from Speaker Julie Menin's office, mentioned that Speaker Menin spends on ACE for rat mitigation. So, neighbors were encouraged to reach out to their office with any concerns related to rodent issues.

(44:25) [The Sanitation survey](#) conducted by CB8 was shared with the neighbors and the representatives from the departments. It was highlighted that East 95th Street from Second to Third Avenues, East 84th Street to East 85th Street on 3rd Avenue, and East 77th Street to East 79th Street on Second and Third Avenues were hot spots for dog waste, garbage pickup, rodent and other issues in the community.

Item 2: Update of latest initiatives and recent laws & requirements by the Department of Sanitation and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, applicable to the district.

(48:27) Marissa Yanni from DSNY heard about the concerns and stated that the fine can be given only if someone is found not picking up after their dog by a department's supervisor. The dog license is needed to issue a fine, therefore it's extremely hard to execute such fines. She empathized that businesses and property owners need to clean litter around their premises. In an answer to Valerie's comments that some vehicles are not moving from parking spots, so the cleaning by the broom truck is not possible. Marissa mentioned that neighbors don't move their cars since it's cheaper to get a ticket from DSNY than it is to actually pay the parking for a parking spot. She also pointed out that sanitation garbage bins on any street corner cannot be used for commercial waste by a vendor. Religious institutions are allowed to put out their garbage an hour before they close, however, all trash should be containerized. Neighbors also complained about subway sidewalks being extremely dirty, though this matter comes under the Department of Transportation (DOT).

(52:28) Board Member Peggy Price mentioned that more garbage cans need to be given and the frequency of garbage pick-ups need to be increased at some locations. Marissa said that the garbage cans can be given from her office, however, the frequency of garbage pick-up needs an increase in funding from New York City Council in order to facilitate more garbage pick-up.

1:10:25 Samantha Alvarez from the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) presented on Pest Control. Samantha mentioned that her office sends inspectors to buildings who have sanitation and rodent issues. They summon the owners if the inspection fails, with fine beginning at \$300 and increasing from there, if the building management doesn't resolve issue. If the building is unable to resolve the issue, then the DOHMH will send a team from their Office of Pest Control to address the matter, and the building is charged for this enforcement. It was also mentioned that her office can provide posters and they could be invited to educate the neighbors on rodent issues if requested. Samantha highlighted that tree beds come under the purview of the DPR for mitigating rodent issues. In an answer to a question on rodent concerns in tree beds, Samantha said to leave baiting stations in planters if there are any rodent burrows in the tree beds.

1:24:18 Brice Peyre from Council Member Virginia Maloney's office spoke last and shared many locations in CB8 district with sanitation issues. He informed that many street fruit vendors, food trucks, subway stations and many commercial areas are not following the protocol. Brice said that the fine of \$65 is too low to make an impact on any car owners to move their car for street cleaning, so he offered another effective idea from previous years, namely having a big bright colored fine sticker pasted on these cars. These stickers can only be removed by a solvent, and this will deter owners of cars from not moving their vehicles when streets have to be cleaned. He was informed that Council Member Gale Brewer's office is planning to introduce these stickers again at City Council.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Committee unanimously passed the following resolution to call on City Council to increase funding to DSNY for trash pick-ups.

WHEREAS, garbage cans are routinely overflowing in Manhattan Community District 8, particularly on the East 86th Street corridor and nearby streets; and

WHEREAS, garbage cans are overflowing because the garbage isn't being picked up frequently enough for the amount of garbage disposed of in these high-traffic areas; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) can only increase the frequency of trash pick-up with additional funding from the New York City Council;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Manhattan Community Board 8 respectfully requests that the DSNY increases the frequency of trash pick-up in the district by calling on the New York City council to increase funding to DSNY for trash pick-ups.

Approved: 6-0-0

For: P. Gayle Baron, Judy Schneider, Margaret Price, Sahar Husain, Addeson Lehv, and John McClement.

Item 3: Old Business - None discussed.

Item 4: New Business - None discussed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:13 pm.

Sahar Husain and Addeson Lehv, Co-Chairs