

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
CROTON FACILITY MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2009 – 7:00PM**

The Croton Facility Monitoring Committee met on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at the DEP Community Office, 3660 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467.

Attending - CFMC representatives:

Greg Faulkner, outgoing Chairman, Community Board # 7 and Paul Foster, incoming Chairman, Community Board #7; Damian McShane, Chairman, Community Board #8; Saul Scheinbach, Community Board #8; Father Richard Gorman, Chairman, Community Board #12; Hector Aponte, Bronx Commissioner, Parks and Recreation Department; Jessica Noon and Wilhelm Ronda, Bronx Borough President's representative; Council Member G. Oliver Koppell; Mark Lanaghan, Department of Environmental Protection. Present were staff of DEP, its construction manager, members of the public and press. Attendees are listed on *Attachment 1*. A few individuals provided limited or no contact information.

Welcome

Mr. Faulkner, CFMC Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:15 PM. He was asked when he will transition off Community Board #7 and he said the date is January 2, 2010. A meeting agenda, *Attachment 2*, was available.

Adoption of CFMC Meeting Minutes from November 5, 2009

Mr. Faulkner asked the committee to consider approving the November 5, 2009 meeting minutes. Upon a motion from Fr. Gorman, seconded by Mr. McShane, the minutes were adopted.

Jobs Reports

Mr. Faulkner requested updates on jobs and hiring from DEP and Parks.

Robert Barnes, DEP Croton Community Office and Mr. Lanaghan provided an update on Bronx-based hiring and purchasing. See *Attachment #3* for the update on number and percentage of Bronx-based workers on site. See *Attachment #4* for the current status of Bronx-based companies working at the site or from which Croton purchases or transactions have been made. Mr. Lanaghan reported that the 2010 City Tech/Carpenters' Union training program is progressing, with funding for 25 applicants being made available by DEP.

Mr. Faulkner asked whether the value of funding of participation by minority and women- owned businesses decreases as construction moves forward. He referred to last year's information that \$190 million had been available, of which \$25 million was spent as of early 2009. He asked for a list of all women and minority owned businesses working at Croton. Mr. Lanaghan said he would ask DEP's Contract Compliance office for a list of M/WBE businesses at Croton. Mr. Faulkner praised the 12 week program

sessions sponsored by Skanska/Tully to inform businesses about construction-related opportunities and to provide information on bidding and bonding. Mr. Koppell asked for the goal of the Bronx workforce at Croton. Mr. Lanaghan said 20% is the operating number that DEP has been using although the agency strives to improve this goal. Mr. Koppell also asked about investigatory measures to ensure that employees who report that they live in the Bronx actually live in the borough.

Kevin Johns, Amalgamated Houses/IUOE Local 15, said that a worker's identification card, social security card and driver's license are checked for all Skanska/Tully employees. Mr. Koppell said that his staff would seek a follow up report from DEP on how the agency verifies the contractor's employees' residency. Lynn Schwarz, Friends of Independence Park Neighborhood Association, requested that, of the 81% employees who are not Bronx residents, DEP provide the percentage breakdown of employees who reside in and outside NYC. Karen Argenti, Bronx Council on Environmental Quality, said Ms. Schwarz's request is important so that the public will understand how much money is being paid to people who live in New Jersey, Westchester and Putnam Counties. Mr. Johns responded that skilled tradespersons are needed for the construction. They must be experienced and qualified as there are very strict standards to operate cranes and other heavy equipment and the Dept of Buildings has recently tightened already-tight construction requirements. Mr. Faulkner said that unions have come into his neighborhood advocating development projects but jobs commitments haven't always been kept. Fr. Gorman requested that DEP report back at the next meeting about Bronx residency and minority participation.

Messrs. Koppell and Faulkner recommended emphasizing apprenticeship programs. Ms. Argenti said that apprentices should work during the day and get training at night so that they are earning money while they learn a skill.

Jerome Park Reservoir (JPR) Public Access Report

Mr. Lanaghan said that the incoming DEP Commissioner has requested time to review the public access report before it is finalized to be sure that its recommendations are consistent with his. Mr. Lanaghan expects to present the report in the next few months.

Fr. Gorman, Mr. Koppell, and Anne Marie Garti, Jerome Park Conservancy, requested that the incoming Commissioner meet with the CFMC. Mr. Koppell moved and Fr. Gorman seconded a motion to request the Commissioner to meet with the CFMC and the public to hear their concerns about Croton and about the public access report. Messrs. McShane and Scheinbach urged that the Commissioner meet with the CFMC before finalizing the public access report. The public members of the CFMC will send the DEP Commissioner a letter asking Commissioner Holloway to meet with them.

Water/Sewer Rates

Mr. Lanaghan said that presently an average NYC single family home pays \$1.88 per month for the cost of the Croton Filter Plant. This is 2-1/2% of the average single family property owner's total bill which averages \$900 per year. Debt service to date is \$65,285,489 out of total water/sewer revenues of \$2.635 billion.

Ms. Garti said that the final EIS for Croton projected a 3.3% customer cost for Croton when it was estimated to be a \$1 billion project.

Construction Update

Bernard Daly, Croton Executive Project Manager, said that most of his report was consistent with what was reported at the November 5, 2009 meeting.

The CRO-312 contractors are continuing to work at the Van Cortlandt Park (VCP) site. Rebar installation and concrete placement continues. To date, in excess of 75% of the concrete has been placed for the Croton Filter Plant. New electrical switch gear to run the plant has arrived. Installation of masonry walls, precast concrete planks, platforms, tanks, and piping is underway. An 84" water main is being installed at the entrance to the site which eventually may be connected to the City's distribution system. Electrical, HVAC and Plumbing work at the site continues.

The CRO-313 contractor continues to install pipe and backfill concrete in the Raw and Treated Water Tunnels. This contract should be completed ahead of schedule.

The Contract CRO-315 work continues. Installation is underway on a chlorine scrubber system in Gate House No. 5. The steel frame of the Demonstration Filter building should be entirely dismantled in the near future. The foundation will remain because it contains asbestos and is scheduled to be removed under a future contract.

The CRO-312 OS contractors are excavating behind the 20' high noise wall around the JPR Shaft and Meter Chamber site. Contaminated soil removal continues and a small amount of lead hazardous soil is scheduled to be removed in January 2010, pursuant to all protective regulations. There have been no noise complaints from Bronx High School of Science. The bus companies transporting students to the site were contacted and reminded to stay clear of the entrance to the construction area. DEP has been coordinating its activities closely with the Bronx High School of Science. In response to questions from Richard Barr, Bronx High School of Science Parents Association, Mr. Daly explained that installation of soldier piles will continue to take place over a number of months but it will occur in two to three days' of activity after which the contractor moves to other work, keeping the soldier piles installation work intermittent. The piles remaining to be installed will be placed progressively away from the high school. Between five and ten trucks travel in and out of the site in the early morning to remove soil and then make a second trip to and from JPR in the early afternoon.

Inspections were made in the JPR basins over the summer; no water is expected to be introduced into the basins for the foreseeable future and no chlorine is on site. Ms. Garti requested that the basins be filled before commencing operations of the Croton Filter Plant. She said the community wants water in the reservoir for aesthetic reasons and the community has lived with the nuisance and inconvenience of the construction for a long time. Mr. Daly said that filling of the basins depends upon the status of the New Croton

Aqueduct and work that may be taking place under another contract (CRO-334) and in other upstate areas of the Croton system.

Controlled blasting at the Shaft and Meter Chamber will begin no earlier than January 2010. Arrangements and preparations are currently underway with the contractor and Fire Department. Fr. Gorman asked how many blasts will occur and what precautions are being taken to be sure that the walls of the reservoir are protected. Mr. Daly said that the integrity of the reservoir structure will be closely monitored. As an additional precaution, the contractors will channel drill along the reservoir side of the Shaft and Meter Chamber to reduce the vibrations from blasting, and will install up to nine seismographs in the reservoir area. Mr. Daly said there will be no blasting during school hours and that controlled blasts may occur twice a day or from three to five times a week. Mr. Lanaghan added that on Manhattan's Lower East Side, at Fourth Street and the Bowery where DEP used controlled blasting for a Third Water Tunnel Shaft, the blasting and raise bore took place adjacent to a 200 year old merchant museum and all work proceeded smoothly, without damage.

Ms. Argenti pointed to the dumping of mud along Goulden Avenue that appears to be from another construction project. Several people expressed appreciation for the garbage cans that DEP has placed on both sides of JPR.

The CRO-312 Force Main construction is not expected to commence until the end of January when the contractor is scheduled to begin pre-construction test pit work. Pre-construction meetings occurred during fall 2009 with most of the affected Community Board District Managers to advise them about the upcoming work and introduce them to the community liaison for this contract.

Mr. Scheinbach asked about the pedestrian footbridge over the Major Deegan Expressway to connect VCP. Mr. Lanaghan said that a feasibility report was prepared by transportation consultant Philip Habib that identified several pedestrian bridge alternatives at a cost of between \$3 and \$5 million. There were several discussions between DEP and Parks Dept. DEP's design consultant subsequently revised the cost estimates to \$6.5 million. The study and costs will now be reviewed by the Parks Dept and discussed again with DEP. Until after these discussions, the report won't be publicly shared. A decision about feasibility hasn't been made. Mr. Lanaghan said that technically a pedestrian bridge could be constructed. He added that, with so many investments having been made by DEP in Bronx parks, it probably would not be prudent to place additional Croton monies into constructing the pedestrian bridge, especially when critical sewer infrastructure projects are needed in other parts of the Bronx and in other boroughs.

Ms. Argenti requested and Ms. Garti concurred that Mr. Koppell should verify that the City Council ULURP Resolution specified how the matter should be handled. Mr. Koppell agreed to look into the matter. Ms. Garti said that the community thought the pedestrian bridge had already been funded under terms of the ULURP Resolution, so the community didn't request this item in the Croton mitigation. She said that the National

Historic Landmark trail is reason enough to construct the pedestrian bridge. Mr. Barr, Ms. Argenti, Mr. Scheinbach, and Ms. Garti commented on the importance of this item. Mr. Scheinbach said the Parks Dept should push for the pedestrian bridge. Fr. Gorman urged Mr. Koppell to demand a copy of the Habib report. Mr. Koppell said he would seek to obtain a copy of the report. Fr. Gorman suggested having the NYS Attorney General contacted. Ms. Garti said she spoke with Faisal Choudhury of the Parks Dept in November and that he said he was familiar with the study. She added that the allocation for Bronx parks was a percentage of the cost of Croton and that as the Croton costs have increased so should the allocation for Bronx parks.

Mr. Johns said that in 1999 if the community had worked together during Croton siting it would have gotten more amenities instead of having them dispersed in the Bronx.

CFMC Discussion

Mr. Foster said Community Board #7 wants Mr. Faulkner to continue to represent the Community Board on the CFMC. Mr. Koppell questioned whether this is a conflict of interest. Fr. Gorman said all community boards should have a more direct voice through being chair of the CFMC. Mr. Koppell said he favors having Mr. Faulkner chair the CFMC until he leaves Community Board #7. Fr. Gorman said he prefers that another representative should soon become the chair. Mr. McShane said that appointing a chair for a year's term and rotating the chair among the three Community Boards, is his recommendation.

It was recommended by Mr. Koppell and unanimously agreed that Mr. Faulkner continue as chair until the next meeting. It was also agreed by the CFMC to meet in January 2010 in executive session to make further decisions.

The CFMC said that the next public meeting will probably be February 2010.

Mr. McShane moved to adjourn, and the representatives agreed to adjourn at 9:30 PM.

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Agenda
Croton Facility Monitoring Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 2009 – 7:00 PM
DEP Community Office, 3660 Jerome Avenue, Bronx NY 10467

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| I. Welcome | Greg Faulkner, Chairman |
| II. Consider, Adopt Minutes of
CFMC 11-5-09 Meeting | CFMC Principals |
| III. DEP Report on Jobs & Hiring | Mark Lanaghan, DEP
Robert Barnes, DEP |
| IV. Parks Report on Jobs & Hiring &
Parks Dept Report on Harris Ballfields
(No report at this meeting) | Frank McCue, Parks
Faisal Choudhury, Parks |
| V. Report - Jerome Park Reservoir Public
Access Study (No report at this meeting) | Mark Lanaghan, DEP |
| VI. Report - Subcommittee on Comptroller's
Audits Recommendations
(No report at this meeting) | Father Richard Gorman, CB #12 |
| VII. Provide Analysis of Water/Sewer Rates | Mark Lanaghan, DEP |
| VIII. Croton Construction Update
Including Controlled Blasting at JPR | Bernard Daly, DEP |
| IX. CFMC Discussion, Set Next Meeting | CFMC Representatives |
| X. Adjourn | |

Upon recognition by the Chairman, the CFMC invites members of the public to raise questions and make comments throughout the meeting

**Croton Filtration Plant
Update on Bronx-based Hiring and Purchasing
Presented to the Croton Facility Monitoring Committee
December 17, 2009**

Last month at the November 5, 2009 Meeting:

October 2009 (as of September 2009)

- Bronx Labor – 169 employees or 19% on site
- Bronx Purchasing – \$81.35 million or 35% of Bronx & Non-Bronx contracts

December 2009 (as of November 1, 2009):

- Bronx Labor – 145 employees or 19% on site
- Bronx Purchasing – \$81.5 million or 33% of Bronx & Non-Bronx contracts

Updates:

- **Update on Croton Community Outreach Office**
- **Update on DEP-Sponsored Training Program**

Category	Company	Address	City	Zip Code	Bronx Based	Money Value	Contract
Security	Perimeter Security	2390 Palisade Ave	Bronx	10463	Yes	\$1,256,720.00	CRO-312OS-G
	Security Fence Systems	4060 Boston Rd	Bronx	10475	Yes	\$83,700.00	CRO-312
Suppliers	Truck and Tire Technicians	1220 Oakpoint Ave	Bronx	10474	Yes	\$378.00	CRO-312OS-G
	Amsterdam Supply Co.	3438 Bailey Ave	Bronx	10463	Yes	\$622.15	CRO-312OS-G
	KASS Industrial Supply Corp.	1715 Washington Ave	Bronx	10457	Yes	\$3,198.00	CRO-312E1 & CRO-312E2
	Jenna Concrete	1465 Bronx River Ave	Bronx	10472	Yes	\$41,716,281.00	CRO-312OS-G
	Tilcon New York, Inc		Bronx		Yes	\$3,334,029.00	CRO-312
	CFS Steel Company	695 E 132nd St	Bronx	10454	Yes	\$32,977,389.00	CRO-312
	G & F Supply		Bronx		Yes	\$19,445.00	CRO-312
	ISE Office Plus	4422 Bronx Boulevard	Bronx	10470	Yes	\$393,273.00	CRO-312OS-G & CRO-312X
	Baco Enterprises, Inc.	1190 Longwood Ave	Bronx	10474	Yes	\$468.48	CRO-312OS-G
	Equitable Steel Corp.	4044 Park Ave	Bronx	10457	Yes	\$5,782.00	CRO-312OS-G
	WW Grainger, Inc.	1930 Eastchester Rd	Bronx		Yes	\$1,269.55	
	Benfield Electric Supply	708 E 133rd St	Bronx		Yes	\$3,650.15	CRO-312E1 & CRO-312E2
	Von Rohr Equipment Co.	503 Wales Ave Bronx	Bronx	10455	Yes	\$51,489.79	CRO-312E1 & CRO-312E2
Webster Plumbing Supply	1758 Webster Ave	Bronx	10457	Yes	\$1,411.54	CRO-312P	
Portable Toilets	A Royal Flush	621 Tiffany St	Bronx	10474	Yes	\$61,217.00	CRO-312OS-G
Painting	Spectrum Painting Contractors	1402 Blondell Ave.	Bronx	10461	Yes		
Janitorial	Classico Building Maintenance, Inc.	2580 Boston Rd	Bronx	10467	Yes	\$176,293.00	CRO-312
Contractors	Crossboro Contracting, Inc.	3640 Provost Ave	Bronx	10466	Yes	\$7,875.00	CRO-312
	Globe Gates	405 Barretto St	Bronx	10474	Yes	\$483,594.00	CRO-312
	GSH Electric, Inc.	491 E 166th St	Bronx	10456	Yes	\$340,521.00	CRO-312
	Center Sheet Metal	1371 E Bay Ave	Bronx	10474	Yes	\$1,121,640.00	CRO-312X
Various	CHASE bank	3408 Jerome Avenue	Bronx	10467	Yes		Banking Services
	JP Morgan Chase Bank	360 E 149 st	Bronx	10451	Yes		Banking Services
	Bayside Medical Care		Bronx		Yes	\$212,500.00	CRO-312
	Jerome Parking		Bronx		Yes	\$168,000.00	CRO-312
	Miscellaneous Catering		Bronx		Yes	\$125,000.00	CRO-312
	Allied Waste Removal	920 E 132nd St	Bronx	10454	Yes	\$1,587.84	CRO-312OS-G
	Exxon / Mobil		Bronx		Yes	\$298.52	CRO-312P
BP		Bronx		Yes	\$1,111.39	CRO-312P	
Bronx Total:						\$82,548,744.41	